

In attendance:

Katie Cohen

Matt Nosko

Charlotto Sagi

Jackie Womack

Dave Olander

Mayor Shelley

Brandon Drake, Staff Liaison

arriving later

Kathy McGinnis: Appointed by Mayor Shelley Welsch, 1 year term

Marva Miller: Appointed by Councilman Arthur Sharpe, Jr., 3 year term

The meeting was called to order by Matt Nosko in the EOC room of City Hall at 6:46 pm. Minutes were approved. No non-members attended, so there was no citizen participation.

Unfinished Business. I. Improved Communication.

Jackie: Mayor does lots of things Joe Adams wouldn't touch. Some issues persist. The community doesn't like us (African-Americans). People don't like each other, including black vs black and white vs white. Some of this is political. This happened under Joe Adams regime. Schools will make the difference. But kids are not prepared. We shouldn't tolerate sagging pants. Section 8 is part of the problem, as it brings in transients.

Matt. We need to get people vested in the community.

Charlotte. We need to institute/reinstitute unifying events and structures such as block parties and safe houses.

Katie. People aren't friendly.

Dave. We should support events that bring the whole community together. Block parties tend to be socioeconomically homogenous.

Matt. We need to find other common events and find ways to promote those.

Dave. We could improve communication using a Patch-like approach, emailing short, single messages to the community. Can we develop a broad listserv?

Brandon. U City has listservs now. They serve rather small numbers.

Matt. Can we find a way to gather info or email addresses from the community.

Motion (Dave, second Charlotte). Ask City to:

- 1. Develop community listserv.**
- 2. Encourage use of City web site to communicate.**
- 3. Use these to organize and publicize events.**

Passed unanimously.

Brandon. The City's facebook page is well-used. It provides another modality and allows 2-way communication.

Kathy. Can we set up dialogue groups. U City United is such a group.

Matt. We can use facebook to set up such groups..

Unfinished Business II. Consideration of How Entities Deal w Race

Charlotte. Read and recommended book by Eugene Robinson, *Disintegration*.

Jackie. The police are not flexible.

Charlotte. Would like to hear from Chief Adams.

Jackie. Is sure there is police profiling in City.

Kathy. If a citizen felt they had been profiled, to whom would they complain? Do we need a citizen review board?

Jackie. That would be a threatening move.

Matt. Philadelphia may provide a model for citizen review. He will get their forms and email to the members.

Brandon. Will let us know what processes and resources the community provides to deal with these issues.

Matt. Would like to have forms to submit.

Motion (Dave, Katie second). Request Chief Adams to discuss above w Commission, esp. resources and processes for dealing with citizen complaints. Passed unanimously.

Kathy. Should also consider other entities and should bring in representatives to tell us of their experiences.

Motion (Matt, Dave second). Post minutes of this Commission on City's web site and create notice of posting on facebook. Passed unanimously.

Charlotte. Other entities should include churches, schools, realtors, etc.

Unfinished Business III. Juvenile Public Service

As Marva had raised this issue, but was not present, discussion was tabled.

Motion (Charlotte, Dave second). Table this discussion. Passed unanimously.

New Business.

Motion (Charlotte, Dave second). Ask school superintendent Wilson to meet w committee in July. Passed unanimously.

Matt. Should we ask teachers too? Are we treating our LGBT students well.

Katie. We should address bullying in general. Do we want to hear from school principals? From leader of student group? School counselors? If so, we should invite them singly, not in a group.

Motion (Katie, Jackie second) Change in regular meeting night to Thursday. Passed unanimously.

Marva. Wants members to receive copies of bill on loitering in the loop.

Motion (Matt, Katie second) Request Brandon email to all. Passed unanimously.

Motion (Kate, Dave second) Invite Capt Carol Jackson, U City Police, for July meeting. Passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:20 pm.

Submitted by acting secretary, Dave Olander