

Community Relations Commission Meeting Notes
April 13, 2023 | 3:45pm
Athens Library, Small Meeting Room

Present: Lacey Rogers, Laura Black, Micah McCarey, Raymie McKerrow, John Schmieding, Rebecca Robison-Miller

1. Review February meeting notes (no March meeting due to illness and absence)
Motion to approve: Raymie approved, Laura seconded
2. Old Business:
 - a. Lacey Rogers/UCM updates: To be discussed later as Lacey was present at the meeting.
 - b. Review draft of the ARC by-laws: Completed. Any reports of discrimination should be referred to the Mayor's office, specifically Lacey Rogers moving forward. A motion will be needed to amend the guidelines. Time will be given for all members to review and for City officials to consider. The main goal of the CRC is education, celebration and harmony. Discussion proceeded about how the CRC can support and elevate these efforts moving forward. This will be revisited at the May meeting.
3. New Business:
 - a. Terms: Rylee and Laura will be resigning, there are now three open positions. Ideas: School representatives and international representation. Micah and John will contact Ella Strickland, Ratna Ariyanti and possibly others.
 - b. Juneteenth celebration tabling: June 17th from 3pm-6pm on the College Green. John and Raymie will be available, having other members join would be ideal. The purpose and goals of having a table were discussed including maybe a survey, to provide information about the commission and recruit new members. The CRC will ask for funding for a tablecloth and snacks. Raymie made a motion to approve this purchase and Rebecca seconded. An informational flyer is needed, this would include city logo, current projects, etc. Micah will ask if there is anyone who can assist in the creation of a flyer.
 - c. Future project: Recognition of community individuals, businesses community relations. This will be discussed further in May.
 - d. Student org/ARC collaboration for AMS work: Current AMS work: Bystander training, practice and processing, this happened in January and February in addition to other projects. Kristyn mentioned previously that she would like to include medical students. Future meetings with John Rogers need to be scheduled. John S. contacted an OU students about possible collaboration but has not heard back from her yet.
 - e. John spoke with Adam Remnant about the AIR Collaborative project through Stuart's Opera House. This will be discussed more in May as well.

4. Schedule May meeting: The next meeting will be May 11th at 3:45pm at the Athens Library in the small meeting room.
5. Meeting was adjourned.