

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF GOSHEN COMMUNITY RELATIONS
COMMISSION**

Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2020–7 p.m.

Goshen City Council Chambers, 111 E. Jefferson St.



PRESENT: Don Brown, AJ Delgadillo, Cathie Cripe and Glenn Null

ON ZOOM: Evan Miller, Judith Davis, Michele Fanfair-Steury

Meeting called to order 7:02 p.m.

Approval of minutes: Motion by Glenn, seconded by Cathie. Approved unanimously.

Presentation: Aiden Friesen and Abraham Medellin on 4us, a Goshen-based organization working to get nonprofit designation.

The organization is seeking funds to pay for a mural to be worked on in downtown Goshen. The goal is to raise \$15,000 for materials and to compensate artists.

Glenn gave direction on the application process to obtain a grant from the CRC. He also asked Michele to provide copies of the application brochure to all members of the CRC so they are familiar with the process.

Committee reports:

- Bystander training: It is held indefinitely. Glenn spoke about the need for something like bystander training at a time when tolerance is perceived to be low at this moment.
- Middle school: Committee has not had a chance to meet.
- Fusion/diversity fest: The committee did not get a chance to meet this month.
- Community Conversations: Members believe the next events will need to be in the spring next year.
- Treasurer's report: Report attached.

Unfinished business:

- Sundown Town, next steps: Sreekala wondered if the CRC could bring Dan Shenk and Lee Roy Berry to the next meeting to talk about next steps.
- Don would like to bring a presentation from Black Lives Matter South Bend, to talk about what they do.
- Ben Hartman: Aj said they have had loose conversations. AJ moved to make a committee to work with the community and Police Department to help establish a review board.

Motion to create a subcommittee to work with residents and the police department to form a review board. Motion by AJ, seconded by Don.

Amended to: "Motion to create a subcommittee to work with residents and the Goshen Police Department to investigate the formation of a policy review board." Motion to amend by Evan, seconded by AJ.

Amendment: PASSED

Amended motion to create a subcommittee to work with residents and the Goshen Police Department to investigate the formation of a policy review board.

AYES: AJ, Don, Cathie, Judith, Evan

NAYS: Glenn

Motion as amended: PASSED

Discussion:

- Don proposed writing a letter from the CRC saying who they are and what they believe in.
- AJ talked about his well-being and his perception of our immediate world's well-being.

Strategic Planning RFP committee

Evan presented the request for proposal for a facilitator to help guide the strategic planning process for the CRC. The draft RFP was created by a subcommittee with Evan, Michele, Cathie and Judith and finalized by the City attorney.

Concerns over the number of members absent and how late the proposal got to members were brought up during discussion on this item.

Motion to postpone vote on approval of RFP until November meeting. Motion by Glenn, seconded by Don.

AYES: Don, Cathie, Glenn

NAYS: AJ, Judith, Evan

Motion to adopt the document and for the CRC to commit in good faith to conduct the strategic planning process. Motion made by Evan and approved by the committee.

AYES: Judith, Evan

NAYS: AJ, Don, Glenn

Abstained: Cathie

Motion: FAILED

Closing comments: Glenn looks forward to being in the same room so glitches don't dampen the meeting.

AJ Moved to adjourn. Seconded by Glenn. *Meeting adjourned 8:56 p.m.*