



COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION AGENDA

June 11, 2020 at 4 p.m.

City Hall, 240 Columbus Avenue

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Vilicia Cade (Chairperson), Valerie Cruse (Vice Chairperson), Anthony Harris, Blake Harris, Daryl Murphy, Taylor Sutphen & Daniel Williams

CURRENT BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

March 11, 2020

Open Discussion: Eric Wobser & Chairperson Cade

National Conversation(s) – Where are we as a community?

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

2020 MEETINGS

Wednesday, September 9

Wednesday, December 9

Chairman Sutphen called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m., after the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Valerie Cruse, Vilicia Cade, Anthony Harris, Taylor Sutphen and Daniel Williams

Members absent: Blake Harris and Daryl Murphy

Staff Present: Talon Flohr - Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator and Kelly Kresser - Clerk

CURRENT BUSINESS

Election of Chairperson for CY 2020

Taylor Sutphen asked if there were nominations from the floor for Chairperson of the CRC for CY 2020. Valerie Cruse nominated Vilicia Cade who accepted the nomination. There being no further nominations from the floor, the Chairman declared Vilicia Cade is the new President of the CRC.

Election of Vice Chairperson for CY 2020

Taylor Sutphen asked if there were nominations from the floor for the Vice Chairperson of the CRC for CY 2020. Vilicia Cade nominated Valerie Cruse who accepted the nomination. There being no further nominations from the floor, the Chairman declared Valerie Cruse is the new Vice President of the CRC.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion of Anthony Harris and second of Vilicia Cade, the members voted to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2019, meeting and suspend the formal reading. The Chairman declared the motion passed.

Update on Neighborhood Initiative

Talon Flohr, Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator, said there is currently a big push for city residents to complete the 2020 U.S. Census. It is important everyone in Sandusky is counted as our federal allocations will be determined by this final number/count. The Sandusky Census Committee is partnering for a Census Challenge with the City of Fremont and stations will be set up in neighborhoods and public parks using mobile hotspots to help people complete their Census data. The city is also working to host additional dump days and placement of dumpsters in various neighborhoods for residents to utilize for collections. The CY 2020 Friends of the Park program is up and running and applications are being accepted. Free yoga will be announced at several parks in the upcoming weeks as a way to entice residents to also complete the Census information for their household. The updates to Jaycee Park will be bid soon and this work will be completed for the summer. Anthony Harris asked about other yoga instructors and Talon Flohr said he will be happy to reach out to anyone who is interested. Vilicia Cade said it sounds as if there will be equitable access and the city is being inclusive rather than exclusive.

NEW BUSINESS

Vilicia Cade indicated the administrative staff at Sandusky City Schools (where she is a full-time employee) met this afternoon regarding the **heightened status of the coronavirus** in the city and the country. All athletic events and after-school activities have been canceled for the next 30 days and the families of students are being notified. This was a decision also made by the Fremont, Ehope, St. Mary Central Catholic, Perkins and Huron school districts and a joint press release was issued. They are looking to the Erie County Health Department for guidance at large gatherings going forward and the State of the Schools annual address has been canceled.

OLD BUSINESS

Valerie Cruise said she brought an **issue with a neighbor** to Talon Flohr recently and the persons who were causing issues have relocated and the problem was solved.

NEW BUSINESS

Daniel Williams said he was recently interviewed for an article in the Sandusky Register regarding **changing the names of some streets in the City of Sandusky**. There is interest from a private group of citizens in renaming streets in the city which are named after U.S. Presidents who were part of domestic slave trade and/or other egregious behavior. He understands this is a complex situation, but said there have been precedents set in the country in the recent past. He plans to look into the petitioning process and begin making a list of these streets and see if there is interest in community participation.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Taylor Sutphen and second of Valerie Cruise, the members voted to adjourn at 4:40 p.m. The Chairperson declared the motion passed.

Attest: Kelly Kresser, Clerk
Date: ____/____/____

Vilicia Cade, Chairperson
Date: ____/____/____