



**Human Relations Commission
Executive Committee Meeting**

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Festival Park Plaza Training Room, 225 Ray Avenue, Fayetteville
and Zoom

Present: Chairwoman Semone Pemberton; Vice-Chairwoman Milette Harris; Commissioner Samar Abdelfatah

Absent: Secretary Eileen Hatch; Commissioner William “Bill” Milton, II.

Staff Present: Yamile Nazar, DEI Director; James Graves, Human Relations Manager; Diona Curtis, Office Assistant II

Chairwoman Pemberton called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Vice-Chairwoman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Abdelfatah. Vote was unanimous.

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Abdelfatah, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Harris. Vote was unanimous.

Rapid Response: Chairwoman Pemberton stated that Commissioner Milton II was going to come with an update, and inquired why the Rapid Response discussion stopped in a previous meeting. Ms. Nazar explained there was not anything to respond to after herself, Cuffee and Dr. Wade met with the Fayetteville PD, Sheriff’s Office, and the school system. The George Floyd incident was the major turning point that led to the protests and the burning of the Market House. Chairwoman Pemberton stated James Graves went to a meeting and there was a question asked about what the Commission was going to do for the Walker family; a discussion as to the appropriateness for the Commission to involve itself with a family in a situation such as the Walker family did not appear to be within the Commission preview. Chairwoman Pemberton also inquired about helping Commissioner Milton II to get things pushed along, and to have an updated conversation with the Sheriff’s Office and Fayetteville PD about the 2018/19 information. Ms. Nazar suggested having conversations with the Police Chief of FSU, Roberto Bryant, as well as the Fire Department.

Student Human Relations Committee: Chairwoman Pemberton inquired about any general updates. Vice-Chairwoman Harris stated that she has no update, and she is still waiting on contacts.

Patriot Outreach: Ms. Nazar sent out five emails with the approval of the City Attorney's office. There were six checks distributed to scholarship recipients, therefore Patriot Outreach owes the Commission over \$2000. Ms. Nazar stated that one of the emails bounced back and has gotten no response from the other recipients. If there is no response by July 1st, Ms. Nazar will get the City Attorney's office back involved.

City SPIRIT/SPIRIT Committee: Vice-Chairwoman Harris explained that the meeting went well for those that were in attendance; there were four people in attendance. The committee decided that they would like to tackle education before going into the other themed events. Vice-Chairwoman Harris stated they are going to combine the QR code and education together. There will be another Doodle sent out next week, and Vice-Chairwoman Harris is going to meet with Mr. Haddock on how to do Doodle so they can outline what the information will look like. Asia is the youth that will speak at the City Council, as well as Mr. Haddock. Vice-Chairwoman Harris asked what the budget is, Ms. Nazar stated it is \$740,000. Ms. Nazar asked Vice-Chairwoman Harris if her committee will have strategies for implementation in time for the August City Council meeting. Vice-Chairwoman Harris confirmed that the committee will have the information ready.

Announcements: Chairwoman Pemberton stated the first Work Session is at the beginning of August, and the following week will be the regular meeting. Ms. Nazar stated all information has to be collected for the Council before the meeting. Vice-Chairwoman Harris stated that she was going to meet with her committee at least two more times in June and a couple of times in July. Ms. Nazar also asked Vice-Chairwoman Harris to come up with a budget of what they would like to put into place. Chairwoman Pemberton stated she will begin pulling together all content, and would like to address every objection that was made, correct, and publicize it to present so that they are able to move forward. Ms. Nazar explained she would like to do the Vision Resource Center with the Fair Housing Board. There will be a luncheon with the Fair Housing Board next week to discuss the new direction of the Fair Housing Board's community engagement. Chairwoman Pemberton, Vice-Chairwoman Harris, and Ms. Nazar discussed being involved during the Juneteenth event. Commissioner Abdelfatah voted on behalf of the Executive Committee to discuss with Cool Springs Downtown as to whether there is a location available in order to set up a booth for Juneteenth. Motion was seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Harris. Vote was unanimous.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2022.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Vice-Chairwoman Harris and seconded by Commissioner Abdelfatah. With a unanimous vote, Chairwoman Pemberton adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

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Eileen Hatch, Secretary