

Racial Equity Commission Minutes for January 26, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Attendance – Liz Carter, Betty Curry, Namdi Brandon, Nate Davis, and Donald Hawkins – members, Sandy Onstad – resident, Barbara Foushee and Randee Haven-O’Donnell – Council Liaisons and Anita Jones-McNair – Staff Liaison.

6:01 p.m. - Call the Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order.

6:04 p.m. – Election of Officers

Donald Hawkins was nominated to serve in the role of Chair by Davis, seconded by Curry and the vote was unanimous. Betty Curry was nominated to serve in the role of Vice Chair by Carter, seconded by Davis and the vote was unanimous.

The commission reviewed vacant seats. Davis motioned to place the discussion of vacant seats (Economic Sustainability Commission representative, Farmer’s Market representative and Youth member) on an upcoming meeting agenda, seconded by Curry and the vote was unanimous.

6:20 p.m.- Approval of December meeting minutes

Hawkins called for questions or changes of the December minutes. There were none, minutes approved by consensus.

6:25 p.m. – 2022 Project(s) Discussion

Hawkins called for commission projects for 2022. The following items were discussed -

Housing – high priority

- a. Availability of affordable housing for residents of Orange County
- b. Marketing availability/openings
- c. Define affordable
- d. Address housing situations/tenant treatment
- e. Equity issues – Legal defense
- f. Invite IFC to talk about death of resident
- g. Invite Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness
- h. Invite Delores Bailey, Empowerment

7:00 p.m. – Presentation

Hawkins introduced the presentation item – Carrboro Connects. The Planning Director presented the draft plan and answer questions. An emphasis was placed on the need to achieve racial equity and adequate housing for the community.

Curry motioned to approve the draft plan, seconded by Davis and the vote was unanimous.

7:27 p.m.- Agenda Items next meeting

Housing presentations and discuss vacant commission seats in upcoming meeting.

7:32 p.m. - Adjourn