

GRANVILLE COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
February 12, 2018

**HRC Members in Attendance:**

John Gooch, Patrice Wilkerson, Michael Felts, David Smith, James J. Gooch, Telessie McGhee, S. Quon Bridges, Sarah J. Mayfield, Jason Jenkins, Ron Bullock, William Betts, Dennis Daniel, Harold Slaughter, John W. Wimbush, Mary Cordrey and Ethel J. Anderson

**Excused Absence:** Tony W. Cozart, Linda Jordon, Helen Amis, Diane Green, and Archie Wilkins.

**General Welcome; Call to Order:**

The Human Relations Commission met at the Richard H. Thornton Library, Conference Room on Monday, February 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order with a welcome by Chairman John Gooch. Invocation was rendered by Quon Bridges followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by all members.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

Acceptance of the January minutes was so moved by John Wimbush and second by Dennis Daniel and so carried by Chairman Gooch.

**Public Comment:** None; No concerns noted by County Manager

**Committee Reports:**

**Programming and Planning (Dennis Daniel):**

- Mr. Troy will provide training at our March 12<sup>th</sup>, HRC session.
- There will be a ministerial alliance session/Creedmoor in April.
- This is an election year and HRC planning should be underway. (see new business)

**Social (James Gooch): No Report**

**Education (Tony Cozart):**

- On behalf of Education Chair, Tony Cozart, who was unable to attend the meeting, Ethel Anderson noted that he had spoken with her and sends his thanks and much appreciation to everyone for their support of the highly successful MLK event. He provided his appreciation to his Committee members as well. He stated that the MLK committee will come together to discuss the event and provide an after-action report

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from the event as we look forward to next year. He also noted that the Committee will start looking at the next upcoming event; the Summer Youth Leadership Forum.

**Publicity: No Report.**

**Old Business:**

- It was noted that Amanda, from the Butner/Creedmoor News is seeking to do individual HRC committee member pictures instead of doing a group picture of the HRC membership. She would like to look at doing a profile of each individual HRC member. She would like to speak with each HRC member to make this happen.

**New Business:**

- **MLK Annual Event.** Chairman Gooch noted his appreciation for the success of the MLK activities. We are still looking at the ticket count. He received many thanks from the attendees. This event touched the lives of many families. The HRC should continue to touch the lives of Granville County families.

We should look at planning for the next MLK activities and the MLK essay contest. We also need to look at getting more schools involved. We should also look at the HRC's support of February Black History Month following the MLK Breakfast.

- **Bring more recognition to the Granville County HRC.** Chairman Gooch open discussion on how the HRC could touch more youth and families in Granville County. How can we get the word out more (snap chat, Instagram, Facebook); especially to the age groups of 18-25 and 35 – 40?
- Other possible ways to reach out to the school system:
  - Discussions with Dr. McLean, Superintendent of Granville County Public School System.
  - Determine who is the head of the Student Council; could they be a member of the HRC?
  - High school incentive/school credit for students participating in the HRC.
  - School honor society requires public/community service participation which could bring individuals to our HRC.
  - The Leadership Granville has a great deal of participation from youths as well.
  - Other areas include Chamber of Commerce and Charter School.
  - Would like for members to continue to brainstorm in this area.

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- **Candidates Forum.** County Manager, Michael Felts noted that this is a General Election year and it would probably be unlikely for the HRC to sponsor two forums (Primary and General). Following much discussion on the Candidate's Forum, a motion for the HRC to support a Candidates Forum only for the General Election in November was presented by David Smith, second by Jason Jenkins and so moved by Chairman Gooch.

It was noted that we need to start building the layout for the Candidate Forum at the next meeting and by September have the final layout. We will look at having the forum at the Expo Center in October.

It was recommended that we have Panel session from candidates versus individual sessions. We can have a reception period for candidates to speak with individuals at the forum.

In consideration of the time, it was also recommended that we have written questions, received in advance from the audience/public, and not open questions from the audience during the session.

HRC should consider putting a notice in the paper reminding community to get out and vote.

- **Other.** Ms. Cordrey provided all members with "Daily Bread" booklets in recognition of Black History Month.

### **Adjournment:**

Motions made to adjourn the HRC meeting by Telessie McGhee; second by John Wimbush; so carried by Chairman Gooch. The meeting was adjourned approximately 7:55 p.m.

John Gooch, Chairman  
Minutes captured by Ethel Anderson