

Concord United Committee
Tuesday, August 27, 2024
Electronic Teams Room 6:00 p.m. EST

Members Present (12): Bertram Hinton, Jr. (co-chair), Lamarie Austin-Stripling (co-chair), Robert Anderson (co-chair), Greg Mills, Sandra Torres, Wendy McConnell, Cecilia Plez, Kay Tembo, Ann Fleming, Theresa Scott-Stills, Jaymond Bryant-Herron, Dr. Aimy Steele

Members Not Present (10 + liaison): Luke Givens (liaison), Douglas Carroll, Gracie Galloway, Amos McClorey, Tina Boyer, Quinton Locklear, Cindy Hanson (secretary), Ingrid Nurse, Rayshion Sashington, Michelle Joshua, Uday Bahunutula

Additional Attendees: Chris Ridgell

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Lamarie Austin-Stripling. Lamarie reviewed the agenda for the evening.

Subcommittee Recap: Ann Fleming provided a recap of the local county efforts to address food deserts, which included: Cumberland County, Forsythe County, and Mecklenburg County. Of the 3, Mecklenburg had the most efforts to combat, using solutions like edible landscapes, healthy corner stores, food pharmacies, meals on wheels, mobile markets, and a thrive food hub. Ann wanted to talk more in depth about the community garden. Kay offered to put Ann in touch with key contacts in Mecklenburg. Jaymond Bryant-Herron expressed affordability is still a top issue in addressing the food desert crisis-people are having a hard time paying for and obtaining food.

Additional Committee Updates: Bishop Hinton and Bob Anderson discussed the importance of continuing the conversation with the Logan Community, with an invitation to meet with their association on Monday, September 23rd. Per Lamarie, the annual report draft work is in process, and will be an ongoing effort in coming weeks. The committee is encouraged to submit their feedback/input for inclusion. Additionally, Lamarie shared that the city has hired a new HR Analyst, Luke Givens, who will serve as the liaison to the committee. Luke will be present for an introduction to the committee at the September meeting.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes for the July committee meeting were pre-distributed electronically to the committee for advance review. Motion to approve the minutes made by Kay Tembo, with a second by Cecilia Plez. The minutes, with no changes, were submitted to a full committee vote and unanimously approved.

Next Steps: There will be no subcommittee meeting in September. For the continued work on the draft of the annual report to City Council, the committee is encouraged to continue to submit thoughts and feedback to the Co-Chairs. The next full committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 24th, which will be in-person at City Hall, Room 330, with a hybrid remote Teams option.

Motion to adjourn from Theresa Scott-Stills, seconded by Greg Mills. The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Lamarie Austin-Stripling in the Secretary's absence.

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