

Commission on Citizens' Rights and Community Relations (CCRCR)
Minutes of CCRCR meeting
Wednesday, April 13, 2016
4:45 pm
CCRCR Conference Room – 13th Floor City Hall

Commission members in attendance:

John Calvin Davis, David Granville, Barbara Kloberdanz, Rev. Sheila Wallace, Zaw Win,
Gary Wilson, Esq.

Staff:

Richard J. Morrisroe, Esq., Executive Director
Carolyn E. Manney, Assistant Director

Commission members absent:

Sherrill W. Colston, Rev. Kenneth Simmons

Following the swearing-in by Hon. Chief City Court Judge Amodeo of Executive Director Richard J. Morrisroe, Esq. in the City of Buffalo Council Chambers, John Calvin Davis (in the absence of the Chair) called the meeting to order at 4:45 pm. Davis moved that Granville be Vice-Chair of the Commission, seconded by Wallace, and passed with Granville abstaining.

Vice-Chair Granville turned to the agenda (see attached) and tabled approval of minutes for March and April.

Next, Executive Director Morrisroe announced the hiring of Assistant Director Carolyn E. Manney who was warmly welcomed. (See attached copy of resume for Ms. Manney and copy of the job specification for Assistant Director).

Next, discussion ensued of CCRCR Committees, including Citizens' Rights, Police Oversight, and Community Relations committees. A meeting to further discuss the committees will be scheduled prior to the next full meeting.

(The next CCRCR meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18 at 5 pm in the CCRCR conference Room on 13th Floor of City Hall.)

Next, discussion ensued led by Davis on CCRCR members' terms of service. A review of the Mayoral appointment log and the city Clerk's office will be presented at next meeting.

Next, discussion ensued led by Davis on letter from Mayor Brown reaffirming commitments. Further discussion will be held at future meetings on this subject.

Next, copies of two (2) articles were distributed by ED Morrisroe (see attached).

Next, discussion ensued on Jim's SteakOut led by ED Morrisroe. Further discussion will be held at future meetings on this subject.

Next, discussion ensued on the Opportunity Pledge led by ED Morrisroe. Further discussion will be held at future meetings on this subject.

Next, discussion ensued on the possibility of CCRCR partnering with the Office of New Americans and the Chief Diversity Officer. Further discussion will be held at future meetings on this subject.

Next, discussion ensued about looking at models of other cities' human rights Commissions (duties), and creating a list of resource agencies and workshops available, especially in light of rebranding the CCRCR and welcoming immigrants. Further discussion will be held at future meetings on this subject.

Next, discussion ensued on the creation of a brochure regarding "*what to do when being stopped by police.*" Further discussion will be held at future meetings on this subject.

Next, discussion ensued on reviewing the charter for CCRCR led by Davis. Further discussion will be held at future meetings on this subject.

Next Z. Win announced events occurring in the Burmese community (see attached).

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A motion by Davis to adjourn was made at 5:23 pm, seconded by Wilson, passing unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn E. Manney
Assistant Director
CCRCR

Date approved: 7/27/16