

Minutes For Human Relations Committee

3/5/07

Present were Sean Crabtree, Chair, Beth Smith, Jean Sneed, Not present Dr N.Mangru, Fernando Santisteban, and Eric Vanzant.

Chairman called meeting to order at 4:05 pm and let the members know the value of the Human Relations committee and how it relates to the Oversight Committee and the overall Master Plan of the City. This committee has 2 roles, first as an advisory committee for any and all items it is directed to take on from the Oversight Committee, and secondly to take to the Oversight Committee any projects it feels are within its bounds to take on.

He then read the vision of the committee as stated on the city website. The chair posed the question as whether this vision is how the membership best feels the committee can support the overall master plan or should it be recreated. All agreed that the current vision is should stand.

Chairman then asked for discussion as to what areas in the city could be focused on as projects for this committee to take on. After much discussion the committee agreed that while there is no immediate need, 3 areas will need to be addressed in the near future. Two of which will be *safety* and *ADA enforcement* within the Downtown Revitalization efforts taken on by the Downtown Merchants Committee. The third would be to offer our support directly to the Tourism Committee with its efforts at the *International Dogwood Festival*. Specifically in continuing to grow and add representations from other cultures.

Sean Crabtree agreed to take all above to both committees represented at the next Oversight meeting on March 14th as well as to make the membership aware of our willingness to support any committee needs our involvement.

Meeting then adjourned at 5:05pm.