

Commission on Citizens' Rights and Community Relations (CCRRCR)
Minutes of CCRRCR meeting
Wednesday, June 5, 2019
Rm, 1316 Conference Room, City Hall

Commission members present:

Charlie Torres, Rev. Kenneth Simmons, Barbara Klobberdanz, David Granville, Crystal Rodriguez, Shelia Wallace

Commission members on conference call:

John Calvin Davis

Commissioners Excused:

Alexsandra Lopez, Sherrill Colston, Zaw Win

Staff

Jason Whitaker – Present

Lizbeth Gonzalez – Present

Chairman Torres called the meeting to order 5:30.

Due to going into executive session last meeting, there were no minutes.

New Business-

Commissioners term expiration.

John Calvin, David Granville, Kenneth Simmons expire in July. Sherrill Colston term expired. Charlie has reached out to the Mayor to meet regarding Commissioners terms expirations and reappointments. John Calvin Davis and David Granville have expressed interest in getting reappointment. Charlie is waiting to hear back from Kenneth Simmons in regards to his interest in reappointment.

Jason Whitaker has been appointed as the new Executive Director.

Jason handed out an executive director report in a timeline format listing his activities. He has met with different organizations, community groups, city councilmembers and attended community events informing them of the department. Made a presentation at the Board of Block Coalition meeting where about 50 block clubs were represented. Excited to work with the new initiative "PACT" (Police and Community Together) ran by the Buffalo Police Department.

Jason stated that there is only 1 open case has been filed with internal affairs and is being investigated and 6 pending cases. The 6 pending cases are police complaints that the office is still waiting on the complainant to submit necessary information. Crystal Rodriguez stated that complainant needs to reach out to internal affairs. Meeting with Inspector In-charge from the bpd should be set up to meet.

Brochures have been designed and ready for print as soon as July 1. Business cards are printed.

Sub-Committees should meet before next meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for September.

Annual report needs to be reviewed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:50pm