DOVER HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

MINUTES OF May 22, 2013

CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL, DOVER

Present: Chairman, Roy Sudler, Jr., Vice Chair, Dawn Allen-Pyne, Commissioner Ellen O. Wasfi, Dr. Linda Hackett, Commissioner Justina H. Brewington, Commissioner Faye Della White and Dr. Edamatsu.

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Chairman, Roy Sudler, Jr. called the Dover Human Relations Commission Meeting to order on this day, Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at 7:04 p.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda:**
   Chairman Sudler ask for a motion to accept the Agenda
   Commissioner Wasfi motioned to accept Agenda
   Commissioner White second.
   Motion carried.

3. **Moment of Silence:** was observed.

4. **Adoption of Minutes** from March 27, 2013 DHRC Meeting
   Chairman Sudler: asked for a motion to accept the minutes with the necessary corrections.
   Commissioner White motioned to accept the minutes with the necessary corrections.
   Dr. Edamatsu second.
   Motion carried.

5. **Comments/Presentations from Members of the Community:**
   Community Member Comments: Mr. Bobby Wilson a resident of Dover, Delaware 1561 Nathaniel Mitchell Road approached the podium to share some comments he had regarding a recent City Planning Meeting he attended. He stated that at this meeting he attempted to express his concern about how the minority communities in Dover, Delaware, whose residents are consumers, are not being able to participate in the economic development process in the City of Dover. He stated that he was told that this particular meeting was not the time to express his concerns. He asked what time was appropriate and stated that he was not given a reply as to what time would be appropriate to express his concerns. Mr. Wilson also expressed his concerns about African Americans in the community not being considered for hire when it comes to the higher paying job opportunities that comes into the Dover area.
   Mr. Wilson also commented on how few African American Contractors get the opportunity to work on major projects in the City of Dover. He explained how the new minorities who are getting these contracts are white women.

   Dr. Edamatsu asked Mr. Wilson was he documenting who received and did not receive City of Dover contracts.
   Mr. Wilson mentioned that he sought out students from Delaware State University to serve as interns to help gather this documentation and was told that there will be a cost.

   Mr. Wilson also shared his desire to have a better Supply and Diversity Program in the City of Dover. Mr. Wilson compared Baltimore Maryland's Supply and Diversity Program to Dover's and noted that Dover would benefit in having someone from the Supply and Diversity Program in Baltimore, Maryland to come to Dover to share how the program is carried out successfully in their city. Mr. Wilson would like to hold a Supply and Diversity Forum in the City of Dover where he can invite representatives from Maryland's Supply and Diversity Program to present.

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Dr. Hackett suggested to Mr. Wilson that he may want to reach out to churches, fraternities and sororities and develop a coalition.
Commissioner Wasfi explained to Mr. Wilson that by providing a collective voice instead of an individual voice he would have greater impact.
Mr. Wilson stated that he would like to get organizations such as the NAACP and IMA involved.

Mr. Wilson asked if Dover Human Relation Commission would like to hold a Supply and Diversity Forum.

Chairman Sudler stated that he would be interested in holding such a forum but the Commissioners would have to discuss, review and vote on having such a forum. Chairman Sudler invited Mr. Wilson and the group he will be gathering to our next meeting**.**

Mr. Wilson's final comment was regarding his desire for businesses in the west end of Lockman Street being included in the flag distribution to merchants for Old Dover Days**.**

Community Member Presentation: Bishop Gregory Gordon, Sr. of My Brethren's Ministries approached the podium and commented on the previous comment made by Mr. Wilson in regards to the NAACP. Bishop Gordon informed the Commission that the NAACP is working on economic development and Supply and Diversity. They presently have a group of 30. In working in this area they have found that there are many contractors without insurance. If the contractors would consider combining efforts this issue can be addressed but thee the contractors would have to join the NAACP.

Bishop Gordon presented the following presentation packet to the Commissioners regarding a Merchants Festival he will be having on Lockerman Street in June. Bishop Gordon offered an opportunity to purchase a table for $10.00 for those who are interested in helping defray the cost of the event. He also extended an invitation to the Commissioners and their friends to come out to the Merchants Festival being help on June 15, 2013.

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Block Party Presentation

Why?

The objective is to bring people downtown to experience the development of rich shopping experience, new building projects, and the friendliness of our city.

When?

This event is set for June 15th, 2013. Our Saturdays are developing and to continue this effort with a third Saturday in June would create a downtown interest for those who were here for the others and those who missed it.

Where?

We are targeting the 200 block of Loockerman Street, between Governors and New Streets. The reason is because these merchants would like events to focus on their location.

What?

What are we going to do? The plan is to have a good time with four different stations in the block. All stations will flow together as one. The stations will lead shoppers to other sections of Loockerman Street.

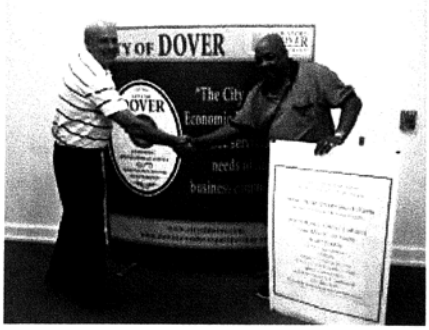
How?

Through the contacts of My Brethren Ministries and our ability and experience in promotions and hosting festivals, we will create an atmosphere to induce and encourage shopping, if you receive.

Sub-Note!

It is not our responsibility to sell your merchandise; we accept the responsibility to put on the event. If our recommendations are met it will be a great day in downtown Dover, DE.

What might this event look like?



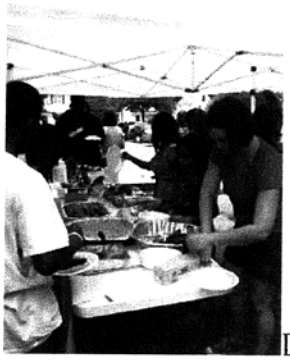
The DDP, Economic Development and My Brethren Ministries have celebrated a long history of working together. In just the past year, we had great success in our annual block party on S New St, W Loockerman Street and coat drive. A record number of coats were donated and given out to the needy.



In our recent block party many city officials and candidates showed their support.



We offer the public information from city, church and community service organizations. We have hosted the Public Library, Job Placement office, Bayhealth, Westside Health, The Wellness Center and the Dover PD many others. This time an all out effort will be made to get many more

During many of our affairs people donate food and the crowd grows. This is statically timed for maximum effect.

The kids if kept occupied will give parents a reason to stay, the longer they stay percentages raise they may see something in your window they will want or need.

The Buffalo Solders have supported our efforts on many occasions for a long time. They held the crowd captive with the reason for their existence and a history lesson usually not heard in schools. You can see the sense of pride on the faces of the children.

We will place these houses in key locations so once observed they will cause curiosity. This is the WOW FACTOR. Advertisement worded just right will bring them downtown. Ed Perez is greatly adapted at this. Don't forget the power of the student dollar. Kids can have face painting, puppet shows & more.

This Ministry will ask out Second Chance Partners to come out. Maybe well be able to host a mini-job fair. As a member of the Board of a Drug Prevention Coalition, NAACP and a newly Elected Bishop I will leverage all my resources to make this an event to be proud of.

We should let this be a great PR opportunity, not only for many who feel left out but for all included.

My Brethren Ministries
God's House of Grace / Restoration Center
56 S New Street / Dover, DE 19904

Budget Request
Expense Report

Live DJ	Supported by My Brethren Ministries	$ 550.00	
	Donation playing charge	-$ 300.00	
	Funds requested		$250.00
(2) Bouncy House	Cost	$ 250.00	
Bouncy House	Donation	- $ 125.00	
	Funds requested		$125.00 Paid*
Popcorn Machine	Cost	$ 80.00	
	Donation	-$ 80.00	
	Funds requested		$ 00.00
Popcorn for Machine	Cost	$ 40.00	
	Funds requested		$ 40.00 Paid*
Cotton Candy Machine	Cost	$ 80.00	
	Donation	- $ 80.00	
	Funds requested		$ 00.00
Cotton Candy Filler	Cost	$ 40.00	
	Funds requested		$ 40.00 Paid*
My Brethren Ministries	Fee (Charitable cost)	$500.00	
For planning, logistics and execution			
	Fee Donation	- $ 500.00	
	Funds needed		$ 00.00
Delivery (Pick-up & Set-up) – (Break-Down & Return)			$ 100.00
Deposit Cost (refundable)	$50.00 per unit (4)		$ 200.00Paid*

This ministry will accept any free will offering with God's Blessings

Merchant Donations

Bayard Pharmacy
Hot Dogs
Hot Dog Buns
Sodas & Cups
Condiments
Napkins Cost $ 400.00

Marketing & Promotions recommended we use these funds to pay bills,
They would inquiry other sources for the requested food.

General Dollar	Items from Store	Unable to disclose value at present
Total Expenses		$ 2140.00
Total Donations		- $1485.00

This event will need the same advertising afforded 1st Friday activities. The strategic placement of this event is not only timing but also placement. This will start the spring, summer and fall season, as well as reaching out to a part of the community that would join East and West merchants.

Net expenses for this event	$ 655.00
Extension cords (4 x 25') @ 19.00 =	$ 76.00
The saving through donations is about 65 %	
Total requested	$ 731.00
Adjustment of request	-$ 430.00
Cash on hand	-$170.00
Funds Needed as of May 14th 2013	$ 260.00

Respectfully submitted
Walking in His Will

Bishop G E Gordon SR
Overseer, Executive Director, Pastor

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6. Chair's Report:

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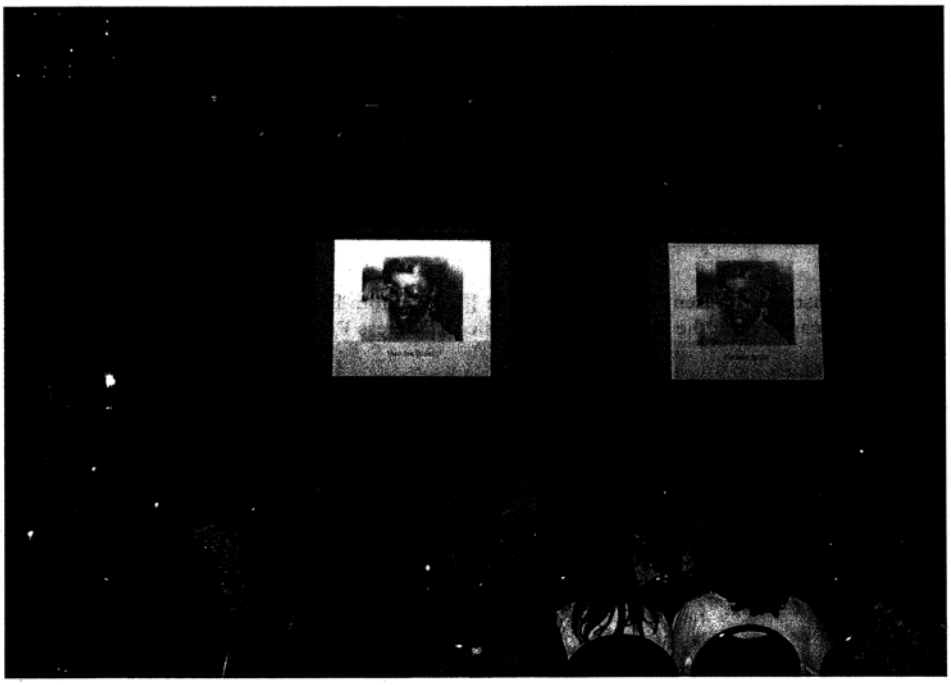
Chairman's Report
Roy Sudler, Jr.

May 22, 2013
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On **April 29, 2013, @ approximately 5:45 p.m.,** I worked on orchestrating a Hate Crime Survey to help assess strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats that Dover Residents identify as impeding upon the vision, growth and philosophy of amicable relations in the City of Dover.

On **May 1, 2013. @ approximately 6:30 p.m.,** I attended the **22nd Annual Victims Tribute**, which offered various lessons on abuse awareness and the struggle of physical, social, and spiritual healing.

Theneice Sudler [Projector Screen**],** was a victim and died due to violence against women



Guest Speakers:

1). **Marilyn Van Derbur** = Advocate for Children Abused, and former Miss America 1958

2). **Margaret Smith** = Car Jacking survivor 2013, at the age of 89 years old

Victims were honored by the Delaware Secretary of Safety and Homeland Security

[Lewis D. Schiliro]

That concluded the Chair's report.

7. Committee Report:

a. **<u>School Programs</u>**
Commissioner Wasfi – ask if the Commission would like to do an in house study circle being that we recognized we are not as diverse as we would like for a Study Circle. It was suggested that the Commission open the Study Circle up to others to make it more diverse.
Dr. Edamatsu stated that she will not be able to participate in the Study Circle Project this time due to a scheduled surgery.
Commissioner White asked if the Study Circle can take place in the fall
Commissioner Wasfi would like to see Dr. Edamatsu take part of this Study Circle and will look into setting up a schedule for the Commissioners to review for scheduling in order to start the Study Circle in the middle of September.

b. <u>Community Programs</u>
Commissioner Dawn Allen-Pyne – will contact Bible Way Church regarding the Commission holding a meeting there.

Chairman Sudler asked for a motion to suspend Item numbers 7c-9 until our next meeting due to lack of time.
Dr. Edamatsu motioned
Vice Chair Allen-Pyne – second
Motion carried

c. Assessment: suspended until our next meeting
d. Intake Forms: suspended until our next meeting

8. Unfinished Business:
a. **Formation of an Ad Hoc Committee for Grant Proposal –** suspended until our next meeting.
b. **Formation of an Ad Hoc Committee for Resolution Proposal –** suspended until our next meeting.

9. New Business:
a. **Community Advocacy Initiative**

10. Scheduling of Future Meeting: June 26, 2013 @ 7pm at Bible Way
Next Special Outreach Meeting Covering New Ordinances: June 11, 2013 at City Hall
Commissioner White asked if this special meeting is going to be advertised in the newspaper.
Chairman Sudler gave all the Commissioners the go ahead to advertise this upcoming meeting.

11. Member's Announcements:

12. Adjournment : Commissioner Sudler asked for motion to adjourn the meeting

Commissioner White made motion for the meeting to be adjourned

Vice Chair, Dawn Allen-Pyne second.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Belinda Talton

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