

Meeting Date 5/1

Members Present- Dave Boyer, Anya Covington, Brian Pezza, Tabitha Crow, Violet Evans, Karyle Penelton - Absent John Harvey and Yolanda Crochrell

Others present-Amanda Tucker, James Arnold, Cathie Hensley

Called to order- 5:01

Public Comment:

-Pastor Jerry from Wesley Chapel Edwardsville, Hosting Block Party June 17th

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Approval of April 3 minutes- David Boyer, second by Violet Adams, abstain- Brian and Karyle

Communication: *Sarian Staff* *Evans*

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Administrative-:

Election Secretary- David Boyer nominated, passed 5-1, Boyer the only no vote.

Race Relations & Equality Survey Review-Housing discussion

- Anya, asked could we do the survey better, lots of discussion around possible improvements.
- 40% of surveyed responses still disagree about affordable housing in Edwardsville, can we make a smart goal of 30%/35%
- Doesn't appear we have an official response from the Mayor or city officials regarding the survey results, can we get one?
- Asked Amanda for comparison questions vs 2020, let's analyze which responses up or down

Breakdown of HRC survey categories below

- o Discrimination /Racism
- o Housing
- o Public Safety

New Business

Housing Rehabilitation- James Arnold presented a Single-Family Residential Rehabilitation Program for feedback from HRC. He would like to have this finalized by July/August time frame. This would need budget approval from City Leadership. Great presentation, discussion from James and the HRC committee. Feedback was very positive and HRC had a few suggestions for possible changes or additions to current program proposal.

Anya- this still doesn't address affordable housing, response- but it could help people stay in their homes.

Adjournment- Motion by Brian Pezza to adjourn meeting at 6:08, seconded by Karyle Penelton.

Anya Covington

Anya Covington, Chairman

6-5-23

Date