

CITY OF HIGH POINT

AGENDA ITEM



Title: HRC – 2017 Interfaith Advisory Committee

From: Fanta Dorley, Human Relations Manager

Meeting Date: February 20, 2016

Public Hearing: N/A

Advertising Date /

Advertised By: N/A

Attachments: Online volunteer application submissions

PURPOSE:

City Council approval for new Interfaith Advisory Committee members from the community.

BACKGROUND:

The Ordinance for the High Point Human Relations Commission requires an approval voted by City Council to approve community members to serve on any committee. These High Point residents will be responsible for attending monthly committee meetings to work on two work plan projects: Interfaith Summit and Operation Inasmuch partnerships. They will help provide the volunteerism needed to implement the approved work plan items. All discussion items during committee meetings will be submitted in writing to the HRC for approval at the monthly Commission meetings

• Sec. 2-3-5 –Committees.

Council may, as necessary and upon request from the Commission, appoint or approve the appointment of committees related to specific human relations problems. These committees shall be composed of adult residents of the City that are not members of the Commission and chaired by a member of the Commission.

The HR Commission would like to have approval for the following people:

- Dr Narayan Khadka
- Cynthia Hall
- W. Leon Morrow
- Preston Davis
- Barbara Collins
- Chuck Hall
- Devdass Sunnassee
- Winnie Merritt

BUDGET IMPACT:

None

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

Council is requested to approve the appointments to the Human Relations Interfaith Advisory Committee.

FANTA DORLEY

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 10:09 AM
To: Human Relations
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Interfaith Committee Volunteer

Interfaith Committee Volunteer

Members of the Interfaith Committee are individuals who will serve in an advisory capacity to the Commission for research and volunteerism. Members are required to be present at monthly committee meetings and reside in High Point. If you are interested in serving on the Interfaith Committee this is the place to sign up for volunteer service.

First Name	Dr. Narayan
Last Name	Khadka
Address	3728 Pemberton Way
City	High Point
State	North Carolina
Zip Code	27265
Phone Number	336-707-0592
Email Address	khadkapeace@gmail.com
Representing Organization / Faith (if applicable)	Triad Nepalese Community Center(TNCC). Faiths represent: Hinduism and Budhism
Why would you care to volunteer?	To assist in making High Point more integrated and divese. To assist refugees and immigrants. Building the brides.

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Very connected in Hindu community

FANTA DORLEY

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2016 5:35 PM
To: Human Relations
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First Name	Cynthia
Last Name	Hall
Address	512 Manor Dr
City	High Point
State	North Carolina
Zip Code	27260
Phone Number	3368472448
Email Address	cynthiahall9@gmail.com
Representing Organization / Faith (if applicable)	Baha'i Faith
Why would you care to volunteer?	To promote greater understanding of, and appreciation for, our various religious and spiritual beliefs, customs and practices. In addition, to help promote a sense of love and unity in the city of High Point.

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Former Member of Interfaith

FANTA DORLEY

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2016 12:34 PM
To: Human Relations
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Interfaith Committee Volunteer

Interfaith Committee Volunteer

First Name	W. Leon
Last Name	Morrow
Address	3729 Pemberton Way
City	High Pont
State	North Carolina
Zip Code	27265
Phone Number	336-250-5774
Email Address	hgumcpastor@gmail.com or leonmorrow@gmail.com
Representing Organization / Faith (if applicable)	Hickory Grove United Methodist Church
Why would you care to volunteer?	I feel called to develop relationships with a variety of people and hope to help make this a better world this way. I am a Christian and most of my family and friends are also, However, I have a brother-in-law who is Jewish, and I have friends who are Muslim. I am Caucasian and my wife is African-American. I worked for many years as a staff psychologist in the NC prison system. I believe my personal and professional experiences with diverse people has helped me see the value in building relationships among different groups.

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From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 7:45 PM
To: Human Relations
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Interfaith Committee Volunteer

Interfaith Committee Volunteer

First Name	Preston
Last Name	Davis
Address	302 Otteray Ave
City	High Point
State	North Carolina
Zip Code	27262
Phone Number	3369066259
Email Address	pdavis@highpoint.edu
Representing Organization / Faith (if applicable)	Interfaith Committee
Why would you care to volunteer?	Minister to the University, High Point University. Lead interfaith initiatives at University.

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Young Minister @ HPU
Very involved in the community

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From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 12:16 PM
To: Human Relations
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Interfaith Committee Volunteer

Interfaith Committee Volunteer

First Name Barbara
Last Name Collins
Address 107 Crestwood Circle
City High Point
State North Carolina
Zip Code 27260
Phone Number 336.841.8482
Email Address bnaiisrael@northstate.net
Representing
Organization / Faith (if
applicable) B'nai Israel Synagogue

Why would you care to
volunteer? I am lay leader of B'nai Israel Synagogue, the oldest Jewish
house of worship in the Triad. I have previously served on this
committee; it brings together people of all faiths to actively
promote High Point's rich cultural and ethnic diversity by
hosting events, forums, round table discussions for the citizens
in our community. I would consider it an honor and privilege to
once again serve on this committee.

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Former Interfaith Comm

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From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 12:20 PM
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Interfaith Committee Volunteer

First Name	Chuck
Last Name	Hall
Address	512 Manor Dr
City	High Point
State	North Carolina
Zip Code	27260
Phone Number	3368479764
Email Address	sircrhall@gmail.com
Representing Organization / Faith (if applicable)	Baha'i Faith of High Point
Why would you care to volunteer?	Our Faith encourages us to interact with members of other religious faiths and how better to build stronger communities then joining with other.

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Former Member of interfaith

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From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2016 11:02 PM
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Interfaith Committee Volunteer

First Name	Devdass
Last Name	Sunnassee
Address	2202 Plainview Dr
City	High Point
State	North Carolina
Zip Code	27265
Phone Number	3368481028
Email Address	d_sunnas@uncg.edu
Representing Organization / Faith (if applicable)	Citizen of High Point
Why would you care to volunteer?	There is more than unite us than divide us. I think I bring a unique perspective on how to promote harmony among different faiths.

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FANTA DORLEY

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 10:24 AM
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First Name Winnona Merritt

Last Name Merritt

Address 1114 Bridges Drive

City wdjmerritt@gmail.com

State North Carolina

Zip Code 27262

Phone Number 3364309799

Email Address wdjmerritt@gmail.com

Representing Organization / Faith (if applicable) Baha'i Faith

Why would you care to volunteer?

I see the potential for High Point to become a truly unified community which honors all of its residents. Belief in the oneness of humankind in all its diversity is a central factor in the operation of a successfully united and sustainable community. There cannot be justice without unity and there cannot be unity without justice. Operating from a partisan stance is divisive and scatters our unity. We need to approach all people, including those with whom we do not agree, with loving hearts and open spirits. I believe that the Inter-Faith approach of the Human Relations Commission is one that fosters community unity and therefor furthers High Point's material and spiritual development..