

NHCDP CEC Meeting Minutes draft

September 20, 2021, 6:30pm by Zoom

In attendance: Dorian Cromartie, Andre Brown, Brenda Fong, April Farr, Victoria Velazco, Susanne Werner, Steph Fetzer, John McHarry, Rachel Hatfield, George Vlasits, Steve Hamburger, Pamela Price, John Godwin, Philip White, Sally's iPad, Steve Miller, Paul Lawler, George Dolan, Russ Brune (M04), Dennis Dixon, Barbara Garrow, Dave McGann, James, Jeff and Debbie W, Marlene Barney, Esther Murphy, Judy Justice, Carol Atwood, Harper Peterson, Audrey, Donnell Giles, Stephen Currie, Herb Harton, Jeremy Tirrell, tony Barney, Richard Poole, Kathryn Bailey, Ann Cherry, Donna Gargett, Michael Werner, Allison O'Moore, Eden Avery, Richard Gottlieb, Cramer Vaughan, Sydney Bullock, Joanne Durham, JD Wade, 630-854-7680, Mylie Durham, Deloris Rhodes, Theresa Rossi, Sonja Green, Jeannie Lennon, Ellen Haragan, Nick Rhodes, Elli Klein

- I. **Call to Order at 6:33pms**
- II. **Welcome (Andre Brown, Chair)**
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance (Dorian Cromartie, 3rd Vice Chair)**
- IV. **Approve minutes from July CEC Meeting (April Farr, Secretary)**
The minutes were not ready for approval by CEC.
- V. **Treasurer's Report (Brenda Fong, Treasurer)**
- VI. **DOING Update (Joanne Durham, Chair NHCDP DOING Committee)**
Joanne updated us on DOING Committee accomplishments to date for the 2021 municipal elections.
 - Created plan from extracted data and set timeline
 - Recruited 188 volunteers from 28 precincts
 - Produced a two-sided, color, trifold brochure for lit drops

The emphasis for voter contact is the importance of turning out to vote in municipals and of voting all three votes for City Council: in 2019, 12,000 votes were lost from voters using only one of their three votes. Phone bank and Lit Drop/Canvass targets are Democrats and high Dem support unaffiliated voters who voted in 2020 but did not vote in the 2019 municipal elections.

The DOING process is to offer support to precincts willing to participate by way of training, cutting turf, script, scheduling, volunteer support.

- VII. **Precinct Organization (Susanne Werner, 2nd Vice Chair)**
2022 Annual Precinct Meetings are not that far off – Feb or March 2022 – and we have 13 precincts, shown by list and by map, which are not organized at this time.

With 2022 being a highly contentious mid-term election, we need to be working now to identify leaders in these precincts.

VIII. Precinct Judges Committee (Susanne Werner)

Call for Election Judges – We have only 14 of the 43 precincts with enough trained election judges. Republicans are far surpassing us with number of recommended judges and one Republican Board of Elections member is attempting to replace Democratic and unaffiliated judges with Republican judges. Susanne reviewed qualifications and compensation for election judges and called for suggestions from the membership.

IX. Steve Hamburger (Fundraising Committee Chair)

As we all know, COVID has prevented us from holding our usual Unity Banquet fundraiser for two years now. The Committee is working on other ways to fundraise this year. In last year's Rise Up fundraising campaign, NHCDP started a Recurring Donors program with the goal of funding our monthly expenses. To date we have not quite one third funded through Recurring Donors. The Fundraising Committee is thanking these donors by presenting them with NHCDP logo hats and will be featuring them in our Monday morning email blast. Steve asks that membership consider joining the Recurring Donors program; you can choose to designate recurring by month or by year. Donations can be made at our web site, and we gratefully accept other donations as well.

X. Redistricting Public Hearing (Andre Brown)

Wednesday, 9/29, 5:00 pm at 615 Hamilton Drive at Lumina Theater in the Fisher Student Union

XI. Municipal Candidates speak

- Philip White – City Council – philip4wilmington.com
- Paul Lawler – City Council
- Harper Peterson – Mayoral – Turnout is typically 15-20% in off year elections.

XII. Tentative Candidate Forum October 18th @ 6:30 pm

XIII. Any other Business

XIV. Announcements

XV. Adjourn - Dorian Cromartie moved to adjourn. Steve Hamburger seconded. Adjourned 7:19 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Susanne Werner for Secretary April Farr