

## Annual Report Continued

Therefore, a city becomes a true community not by isolating any group, but by bringing them together. Each group has something of value to offer. Benefit for everyone is gained as we work, play, worship, and live in cooperation with one another.

RHCN alone is not capable of doing all that is necessary to bring such a goal of genuine community to pass. But we do have a platform and privilege to be part in working with city government, community leaders, service providers, and other like-minded entities striving for the same purpose.

The end goal will neither be achieved immediately nor easily. Success will not be found in a permanent solution, but in ongoing efforts, sacrifices, and a continuing willingness to come together. The reward for Rock Hill and the people who call it home will be well worth the risk, pain, and labor.

Working together for a great cause,

*Aubrey D. Smith, President*



# ROCK HILL

Council of Neighborhoods

*Getting to Know Your Neighbors...*

## 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Thursday, November 8, 2018

6:30PM

City of Rock Hill Operations Center  
757 S. Anderson Road

## Event Program

Welcome	Aubrey Smith
Greetings	Mayor John Gettys
Invocation	Councilwoman Sandra Oborokumo
Meal & Fellowship	Everyone
RHCN Annual Report	Aubrey Smith
Guest Recognition	Neal Barber Terry Windell
History & Highlights	Neal Barber
Video Presentation	Terry Windell

### ***Council of Neighborhood Leaders***

1998 - 2001	Robert Hope
2001 - 2004	Freedia Simpson
2005 - 2007*	Terry Windell
2007 - 2011*	Frank Myers *Ray Koterba, Interim President Jan - Oct 2
2012 - 2017*	Neal Barber
2017 - Current	Aubrey Smith

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Those of us who are part of RHNC are privileged to serve our neighborhoods and our community at large. But we are well aware that the organization in and through which we serve would not exist today but for the labors and sacrifice of those who have served during these past twenty years. Tonight, as we give this report, we are not really celebrating twenty years of mere existence. We are celebrating the wisdom, passion, and toil of all the people who have given of themselves to this cause - and to the great good so accomplished. This is a report of the endeavors of 2018 - but equally of the other nineteen (19) years prior upon which all of this was built.

We are grateful to the individuals who have shared such pertinent information at our monthly meetings throughout the year. Mayor John Gettys, City Manager David Vehaun, Police Chief Watts and his staff, Fire Chief Blackmon (who also gave information concerning EMS), State Senator Wes Climer, PRT staff, and our members who have participated in dialogue in efforts to continue to improve the effectiveness of our organization. A bus tour of several of the Rock Hill neighborhoods added first hand and visual enhancement of our purpose, blessings, and needs.

At the beginning of the year our leadership presented our membership with a premise for discussion, planning, and action, it is believed that our greatest honor of the past will be shown in our efforts to continually improve and build upon the foundation given to us. A portion of that "premise" follows.

True community requires the coming together of the various parts (neighborhoods). "Team" requires many doing their part in unity. Harmony requires the orchestration of multiple instruments/people. The rich need those of lesser means and vice-versa. The executive needs the laborer.

