

City of Lakewood, Ohio

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Held: City Hall, Lakewood, Ohio
June 5, 2007

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Community Relations Advisory Commission (the "Commission") was held on June 5, 2007.

Chairpersons Greenwell, Nicklos and Shaffer-Gill presided over the meeting. Attending the meeting were the following members of the Committee: Nickie Antonio (Councilperson At-Large), Sean Brennan, Don Carlson, Steve Greenwell, D. L. Meckes, Anila Nicklos, Lisa Shaffer-Gill, Mark Timieski, Kyle Weigand and Mary Coleman (Community Relations Department). Notice having been duly given and a quorum being present, Chairpersons Greenwell and Shaffer-Gill called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. local time.

Attendance was taken.

There was unanimous approval of May 1, 2007 meeting minutes.

Bylaws Committee Report –

The City of Cleveland Community Relations Board bylaws were reviewed and discussed at length. Robert's Rule of Order with decision-making by consensus, when possible, in order to reflect others' ideas in meetings was discussed and decided upon. It was agreed that a draft of the bylaws would be completed and circulated via email to the commission members before the next meeting; changes would be discussed at that time and a final draft would be submitted and ratified. Discussion about the existing City of Cleveland bylaws and Lakewood City Ordinance (and various changes to be made to both) ensued.

A brainstorming session regarding the adoption of a mission statement ensued. Commission members discussed various topics including the priorities of the commission and what activities it should get involved with. It was decided that there should be a purpose clause (general in nature) in the mission statement.

A summary of major topics and discussion points of the brainstorming session for the mission statement and bylaws is as follows:

- Increase the participation of the community in an effort to stop fears and promote commonalities
- Gage the community's wants, needs and concerns
 - Safety
 - Teens, kids and recreation
 - Communication with city officials
- Be pro-active to promote respectful conversations among residents and with city officials, including police officials
- Create collaborative efforts between/among citizens and city officials to develop respect and find commonalities
 - Might include role modeling for young people
 - Create access and awareness of existing city resources
- Promote diversity of the city
 - Create "Lakewood Identity"
 - Celebrate "tapestry of citizens"
 - Marketing, logo, slogan
 - Seek members of diverse groups, including ethnic groups
 - Assimilate newcomers
 - "Welcome Wagon" Policy which includes renters access to city contacts and resources

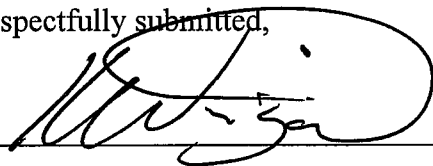
Words that appeared on list as important ideas to include where possible:

Fostering Facilitating Oneness Proactive Collaborative efforts
Respect Commonalities Equity Access Understanding

Meeting date was set for June 26, 2007.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, at approximately 8:10 p.m., Chairperson Greenwell declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Kyle A. Weigand, Secretary
 Lakewood Community Relations Advisory
 Commission