

City of Lakewood, Ohio

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Held: City Hall, Lakewood, Ohio  
October 9, 2007

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Community Relations Advisory Commission (the "Commission") was held on October 9, 2007.

Chairpersons Greenwell, Nicklos and Shaffer-Gill presided over the meeting. Attending the meeting were the following members of the Committee: Sean Brennan, Don Carlson, Moira Dugan, Steve Greenwell, David Howard, D. L. Meckes, Anila Nicklos, Lisa Shaffer-Gill, Mark Timieski, Kyle Weigand and Holly Whisman. Notice having been duly given and a quorum being present, the Chairpersons called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. local time.

Attendance was taken.

Mr. Weigand presented the minutes of the June 26, 2007 and September 11, 2007 meetings; Ms. Shaffer-Gill moved to adopt the minutes to the official record. Mr. Brennan seconded. Said minutes were unanimously approved.

A discussion of the Community Conversation exercise presented by Councilwoman Antonio at the September meeting ensued. Brainstorming as to how to best get out the messages of the conversations out to the broader community and, essentially, the question was asked "*should* it be brought to the community?" Discussion of a standardized event was brought up and discussed (for example a quarterly, monthly etc. type of meeting/presentation).

Similarly, a discussion of "Listening Sessions" or forum-like events with a speaker was mentioned by Mr. Carlson. Discussion ensued. It was decided that both the Community Conversation and Listening Session would be two distinctly separate events, with identifiably different purposes and outcomes. Both ideas were well received and will be discussed fully at future meetings.

A Listening Session sub-committee was formed consisting of Mr. Howard and Mmes. Antonio, Meckes and Shaffer-Gill.

A Forum-type (Listening Sessions) event sub-committee was formed consisting of Messrs. Brennan, Carlson and Greenwell and Ms. Nicklos.

A speaker from Heights Community Congress will be presenting at the next meeting of the Commission.

Meeting dates were set for 2008. It was agreed, as it already stood, that meetings would take place every second Tuesday of the month, as needed, in the Jury Room of City Hall at 6:30 P.M. unless otherwise amended.

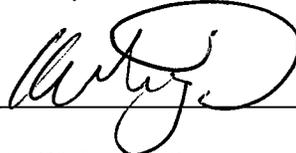
A very brief discussion of the Commission's survey (discussed a several prior meetings) arose. Discussion of the survey's relevance in its current form ensued, and it was decided that maybe smaller, more defined surveys were in order. Issue tabled until future meetings.

Brainstorming regarding how to get out the message, mission and name of the Commission out to residents developed and lead to discussions of possibly using "free" resources of the City like water bill announcements, recycling pamphlets to "get the word out." It was decided that maybe a more user friendly name for the Commission was necessary – maybe even a slogan.

Issues of the Commission were briefly discussed such as the diversity of the commission members and the attendance issue.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, at approximately 8:00 p.m., Mr. Carlson declared the meeting adjourned and Mr. Weigand seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kyle A. Weigand', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.

Kyle A. Weigand, Secretary  
Lakewood Community Relations Advisory  
Commission