

City of Lakewood, Ohio

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Held: City Hall, Lakewood, Ohio
November 13, 2007

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Community Relations Advisory Commission (the "Commission") was held on November 13, 2007.

Formal attendance was not taken. Notice having been duly given and a quorum being present, the Chairpersons called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. local time.

No formal agenda on account of the speaker in attendance (presentation).

Councilwoman Antonio introduced Ms. Kasey Greer, Executive Director of Heights Community Congress (the "Congress"), after which, Ms. Greer gave a brief history of the Congress and its purpose. A DVD of the Congress forums was given to the Commission for review in the future.

Ms. Greer's presentation consisted of discussing community engagement and diversity. The challenge, she states, is to engage people in the process of discussions/involvement/forums etc. and not seeing the same faces week after week, month after month. Small groups and large groups are two ways to get people together...small groups obviously being a bit more intimate, but drawing the same faces now and then. Funding for the Congress consists of Block Grant Funds as well as Department of Development money from the county.

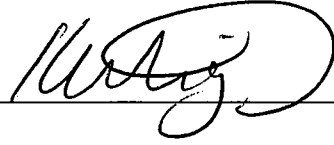
Throughout the year, the Congress holds 10 forums, each drawing approximately 75-100 people. The outcome of the forums is that people get into the habit of coming to the forums; a book club stemmed out as a result of the forum; church involvement; movie discussions and other small group discussions (at coffee houses, library etc.).

Ideas flowed from the presentation such as to possibly partner/work with the Congress to help produce a forum. Also, it was deemed important to seek input from other stakeholders/business owners of the community. Have a neighbor night out program and volunteer to assist with a forum to gain experience.

Discussion was wrapped up and it was decided that the Flags of the World matter (for Fourth of July parade) would be discussed at the next meeting of the Commission.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Weigand', is written over a horizontal line.

Kyle A. Weigand, Secretary
Lakewood Community Relations Advisory
Commission