

City of Lakewood, Ohio

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Held: City Hall, Lakewood, Ohio  
April 8, 2008

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Community Relations Advisory Commission (the "Commission") was held on April 8, 2008.

Chairperson Shaffer-Gill presided over the meeting. Attending the meeting were the following members of the Commission: Nickie Antonio (Lakewood Councilwoman At-Large), Don Carlson, Moira Dugan, Nahida Farunia, Lisa Shaffer-Gill, Mark Timieski, Kyle Weigand. Notice having been duly given and a quorum being present, the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. local time.

Attendance was taken.

Mr. Weigand moved to table the approval of minutes from March meetings of the Commission; Ms. Shaffer-Gill seconded.

A discussion of reappointing and re-commissioning of members of the Commission and how to proceed with expired terms ensued. Mr. Timieski has been reappointed by Councilman Summers. Also, Ms. Farunia would like to continue on the Commission. The Commission, through Councilwoman Antonio, will announce to Council and Mayor that there are open seats for the Commission. This matter is expected to be resolved by the May meeting.

The Commission recognized that a report to City Council was necessary in the near future regarding the status of the Commission and accomplishments to date. Councilwoman Antonio will see if May 19 meeting of Council will be acceptable to present said report.

Discussion continued from March meeting regarding the compilation of a database of all cultural, social, inclusive groups. It should provide and introduction (brief) to the Commission and additional information on the sheet in the "Welcome to Lakewood" package. Also, the Lakewood Observer provides some of this same information, so possible teamwork with the paper would be in order.

Discussion also continued from the March meeting regarding further developing the speaker series by partnering with a larger organization like Lakewood Hospital etc. The first topic should likely be diversity. Discussion of various topics for the series ensued. By next meeting, various members would like to have a list compiled of big-name sponsors for said speaker series.

Discussion of a diversity-type potluck took place as well (rather, a re-birth of the diversity potluck from years gone by, but now sponsored by the Commission). A very casual atmosphere was decided on (Lakewood Park pavilion, if available). The weeks of June 15 and June 22 were debated.

The next regular meeting of the Commission is to be held May 13, 2008.

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

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