

City of Lakewood, Ohio

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Held: City Hall, Lakewood, Ohio  
March 10, 2009

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Community Relations Advisory Commission (the "Commission") was held on March 10, 2009.

Commission co-chair Carlson presided over the meeting. Attending the meeting were the following members of the Commission: Nickie Antonio (Lakewood City Councilwoman At-Large), Donald Carlson, Paula Maeder Connor, Moira Dugan, Ina Imami (proxy for Anila Nicklos), Joe Lobo, Greg Mahoney, Dan Saracina, April Stoltz and Kyle Weigand. Melissa Garrett from the City's Community Relations office was also present. Notice having been duly given and a quorum being present, the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. local time.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendance was taken.

The Mission Statement of the Commission was recited.

Mr. Weigand moved to postpone the approval of the minutes of the November, January and February meetings of the Commission; Mr. Carlson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports began:

Community Speakers Series Committee – Ms. Susan Oehler, Program Associate with Facing History and Ourselves led a discussion of the upcoming (March 26, 2009) Facing Our History (a speaker's series that is conducted in the schools in the region) Enrique's Journey. As previously reported, the event is coming to Lakewood Hospital and co-sponsored by the Hospital, the City, School District and the Commission. Sonia Nazario will be discussing her book *Enrique's Journey* and there is expected to be 200+ persons in attendance. The logistics, topics etc. of the event were discussed, as well as was the Choosing to Participate series also sponsored by the Facing History and Ourselves organization.

It was reiterated that it was imperative that the Commission lead the way in helping to spread the word about the Facing Our History event and each Commission member decided that he/she would try and get as many people to attend the event as possible. Ms. Dugan offered to write an article about the event to be published in the Lakewood Observer. The Speakers Series subgroup met to substantiate the speakers series events presently and in the

future as well as how to effectively spread the word of this and future events.

The Community Conversations subgroup intends to meet after the Speakers Series Facing Our History event to discuss the community conversation to be held on April 30, 2009 on the topic of Immigration in Lakewood. Again, bookmarks reminding attendees of the Speakers Series event would be distributed to all.

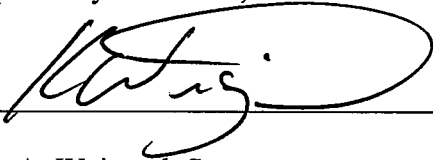
Mr. Carlson discussed the possibility of forming additional committees/subgroups if deemed necessary. It was decided by consensus that there would be no additional subgroups formed at this time to better focus on the speakers and community conversations events.

It was discussed that possibly our Commission can spread the word of its mission and existence by attending various block watch club meetings and involving the Police ward-district officers by letting them know that we are a resource for them and visa versa. There is a block watch captains meeting at City Hall on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

The next regular meeting of the Commission is to be held April 14, 2009.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, at approximately 7:30 p.m., Mr. Weigand motioned the meeting adjourned and Mr. Loboizzo 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