

City of Lakewood, Ohio

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Held: City Hall, Lakewood, Ohio
April 14, 2009

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Community Relations Advisory Commission (the "Commission") was held on April 14, 2009.

Attending the meeting were the following members of the Commission: Nickie Antonio (Lakewood City Councilwoman At-Large), Donald Carlson, Nahida Farunia, Steven Greenwell, Paula Maeder Connor, Moira Dugan, Greg Mahoney, Dan Saracina, David Stein 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, Chairperson Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. local time and presided over the same.

The Mission Statement of the Commission was recited.

Attendance was taken and brief re-introductions took place for the benefit of Mr. Stein, the newly appointed Mayoral appointee of the Commission. A brief history of the Commission was also given, from the inception to the events had in the past to events/ideas for the future direction of the Commission.

Committee Reports began:

Community Speakers Series subgroup –

Aspects of the Beck Center for the Arts were discussed including the Beck's recent "new" relationship with the City, and possible utilization by the City and its residents and groups for more events. It was discussed that possibly in the future the Beck could be utilized as a venue for the Speakers Series-type events.

The Facing Our History (Enrique's Journey) event that took place at Lakewood Hospital and its success was discussed. As planned, bookmarks were distributed to each of the nearly 200 attendees regarding the Commission's upcoming April 30, 2009 Community Conversation regarding Immigration in Lakewood and Councilwoman Antonio was able to announce the Conversation as well.

Community Conversations subgroup –

This led to the discussion and presentation of a mock "Conversation About Immigration in Lakewood." The Commission members divided up into pairs and worked out the questions in the Conversation that will be presented to the attendees of the April 30th

event. The exercise was very well-received and led by Councilwoman Antonio.

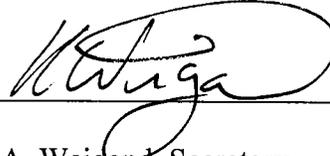
Mr. Carlson discussed the possibility of subgroups meeting on a more regular basis if necessary. It was suggested that the subgroups elect a chairperson (of sorts) to better keep track of scheduling meetings etc. It was asked that both subgroups meet and give a report to the Commission at the next meeting. It was decided that the Speakers Series subgroup would meet on May 4, 2009 to focus on future planning of the Speakers events.

The November 2008, and January, February and March 2009 Commission meeting minutes were reviewed. Motions to approve said minutes were introduced by Ms. Dugan and seconded by Ms. Farunia. Commission members that were present at the time of each meeting approved each of the minutes unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the Commission is to be held May 12, 2009.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, at approximately 8:00 p.m., Ms. Dugan motioned the meeting adjourned and Ms. Farunia seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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