

City of Lakewood, Ohio

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Held: City Hall, Lakewood, Ohio
January 12, 2010

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Community Relations Advisory Commission (the "Commission") was held on January 12, 2010.

Attending the meeting were the following members of the Commission: Paula Maeder Connor, Greg Mahoney, Joe Lobo, Moira Dugan, Steve Greenwell, April Stoltz. Melissa Garrett from the Office of Community Relations for the City of Lakewood was also in attendance. Notice having been duly given and a quorum being present, the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. local time.

- Diversity Potluck:

The Commission went into final detail for the planning of the Annual Diversity Potluck that will be held Thursday January 21, 2010. Ms. Garrett distributed sample invite flyers as well as a Press Release from the City. Members of the commission decided it was the best interest to keep the City of Lakewood logo on the invite as a sponsor for the event. Members of the commission also provided a follow up with their assigned potluck organization duties from the previous meeting. Ms. Stoltz is working with various civic organizations for an invite blast to the event. Ms. Stoltz is also working with local businesses for coffee and pizza donations. Angelo's and Nunzio's have committed their intent for pizza donations. Ms. Stoltz will try to pursue Geppetto's for their donations. Mr. Mahoney had reported that he had spoken with Giant Eagle Store Director David Eckenroad in regards to possible donation of duraflame logs. Giant Eagle has a policy where management must be provided written documentation and a non-profit certificate in order to donate goods and services. Therefore, members of the commission had decided it was in the best interests that the duraflame logs be purchased. Mr. Lobo and Ms. Dugan will each provide two duraflame logs. Additional tasks were also assigned to ensure success of the potluck; Ms. Garrett will try to work with the city to provide a power point projector. Mr. Lobo will try to work with the schools to provide a laptop/DVD player for audiovisual exhibits. Rev. Maeder- Connor will provide napkins and plastic ware. Mr. Lobo will provide plastic plates, silverware and cups. Ms. Stoltz will provide tablecloths. Soda donations have been assigned as follows: Ms. Dugan will provide three Sprites. Mr. Mahoney will provide three Coca -Colas. Mr. Greenwell will provide two Dr. Pepper's and one Root Beer. Mr. Lobo will provide two Ginger Ale's and one Orange soda. Members of the commission were also informed that Beth Hankins and the Orchestra Quartet from Lakewood High School would possibly

provide musical entertainment. Members of the commission shall arrive at 4:30 pm the day of the potluck for set-up.

- Congratulatory and thank you letters:

Members of the commission signed congratulatory and thank you letters. These congratulatory and thank you letters will be sent to respective individuals and groups who have worked with the Commission in the past.

- Facing History exhibit:

The Facing History exhibit is open until February 21, 2010. Members of the commission will attend the exhibit on Saturday February 13 with February 20 being a secondary date. Ms. Stoltz will contact Emily from Facing History to schedule the tour.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Inside Islam movie screening:

Ms. Stoltz invited members of the commission to the screening of “ Inside Islam, what a Billion Muslims really think”. The screening of the film will take place at the West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church in Rocky River on Saturday January 30, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

- Next meeting:

The next meeting of the commission is to be announced at a later time.

- Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the meeting, at approximately 7:20 p.m. Rev. Maeder – Connor motioned the meeting adjourned, Ms. Dugan seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory D. Mahoney, Interim Secretary
Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission