

City of Lakewood, Ohio

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Held: City Hall, Lakewood, Ohio
July 13, 2010

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Community Relations Advisory Commission (the "Commission") was held on July 13, 2010.

Attending the meeting were the following members of the Commission: Greg Mahoney, April Stoltz, Paula Maeder- Connor, Dan Saracina, Gayle Wellman, Nadhal Eadah, Barbara Schwartz. City Councilwoman Nickie Antonio and Melissa Garrett from the Office of Community Relations for the City of Lakewood were also in attendance. Notice having been duly given and a quorum being present, the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. local time.

Members of the Commission held a reading, disposal and approval of the minutes from the May meeting.

- LOBC ENDORSEMENT LETTER

Mr. Eadah who is spearheading the LOBC initiative will draft an endorsement letter to allow outdoor basketball hoops in Lakewood. Mr. Eadah will e-mail members of the commission a draft letter and Members of the Commission will proofread any necessary language changes. A copy of this endorsement letter shall appear in a future edition of the Lakewood Observer. Mr. Eadah also mentioned that LOBC is currently working with members of the Lakewood School Board to waive basketball-playing fees for non-profit organizations.

- REVISITING THE PROPOSED PARKS AND RECREATION FORUM

There is discussion amongst Members of the Administration and Council in regards to the Commission's proposed Community Conversations and Speakers engagement. The proposed forum has recently been subject of constructive criticism of "Reinventing the Wheel" of a topic of discussion that is already taking place in the community by other Parks focus groups. Councilwoman Antonio suggested the possibility of reforming the topics of the Community Conversations dialogue in regards to in regards to youth activities, needs, desires, etc. The Commission shall take the necessary action of inviting at least three members of the youth community to our September meeting to interview their activity desires.

- POSSIBLE COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Members of the Commission brainstormed possible names for appointment: Names mentioned were Kyle Baker, Molly Jacob and Carla Williams. Rev. Maeder- Connor shall be provided the contact information of individuals that Members of the Commission suggest for appointment.

- SUMMER DIVERSITY POTLUCK

Ms. Garrett can get the city to reserve picnic tables from 4pm to dusk on Friday August 13th. Potluck shall begin at 6pm; everyone brings his or her favorite ethnic dish. Ms. Stoltz will be in charge of pasta dishes through generous donations from Italian Creations. Councilperson Antonio will donate the icebreaker game and its prizes. Rev. Maeder Connor will draft an article to be published in the Lakewood Observer. Ms. Garrett will create the flyer. Mr. Saracina will bring table flowers. Ms. Wellman will do decoration and supply shopping. Mr. Mahoney will provide refreshing drinks. A monetary collection was conducted at the meeting to provide for the costs of the supplies.

- Next Meeting:

The next meeting for the Commission will be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2010.

- Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the meeting, at approximately 8:04 p.m. the meeting was motioned adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory D. Mahoney, Secretary
Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission