

City of Lakewood, Ohio

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Held: City Hall, Lakewood, Ohio
November 9, 2010

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Community Relations Advisory Commission (the "Commission") was held on November 9, 2010.

Attending the meeting were the following members of the Commission: Greg Mahoney, April Stoltz, Paula Maeder- Connor, Gayle Wellman, Nadhal Eadah, Barbara Schwartz, Carla Williams, Joe Loboizzo. City Councilwoman Nickie Antonio and Melissa Garrett from the Office of Community Relations for the City of Lakewood were also in attendance. Bryan Ginley, Tiana Gray, Sam Abusharekh, and Mohammed Khaleel were also present as resident attendees to the meeting. Notice having been duly given and a quorum being present, the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. local time.

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

- NEW COMMISSION MEMBER

Councilwoman Nickie Antonio has appointed Carla Williams as a Member of the Commission. Ms. Williams has been appointed for the remainder of the unexpired term of Litha Macon, who resigned due to personal obligations. Introductions were held for the benefit of Ms. Williams.

- YOUTH CONVERSATION

Mr. Loboizzo recruited three students, as did Mr. Eadah for the Commission's sponsored Youth Conversation. Students will be arranged on a panel. Questions to the student panel shall be arranged on note cards. A sub committee consisting of Mr. Loboizzo and Mr. Eadah will be formed to mentor and coach the students in order to prepare for the forum. Ms. Antonio and Ms. Stoltz favor this type of setting because it will give the youth community an opportunity to deliver heart driven responses and their feelings of being members of the Lakewood youth community. The first date the Members of the Commission selected to having this forum is Thursday January 20, 2011. Wednesday January 19, 2011 has been selected an alternate date. If both fail to materialize, the conversation will be conducted as part of the Diversity Potluck on Wednesday February 3, 2011.

- ANTONIO VEHICLE IDLING LEGISLATION

One of Ms. Antonio's recent legislative accomplishments during her tenure on Lakewood City Council was successfully sponsoring and passing anti- vehicle idling legislation aimed at reducing vehicle carbon emissions in the city. Ms. Antonio has charged Members of the Commission to create a way to provide public education about the passed piece of legislation. Members of the Commission agreed that the work on Ms. Antonio's request would be done through a newly formed sub- committee. Mr. Eadah agreed that he would be the point person for this new sub-committee. Mr. Mahoney, Ms. Stoltz, Ms. Willaims and Ms. Wellman will serve under Mr. Eadah on this sub-committee.

- LOBC REPORT

Mr. Eadah has reported that the basketball hoops at Kaufmann Park are up and running. The receptiveness has been well accepted at the present time. Discussion between LOBC, Churches, YMCA and School facilities have been commencing in regards to indoor wintertime play.

- FUTURE COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

It has been reported that the Commission still stands three members short. Ms. Garrett reported that with Mayor FitzGerald leaving office, she does not expect that he will be making any other appointments. The Commission will have to wait until the new Mayor makes appointments.

- ROXANNA SABERI

Mr. Loboza has reported that Roxanna Saberi, a journalist who as arrested and interrogated by the CIA for being an accused spy will be speaking at Lakewood High School Tryout Theater on Wednesday, November 17.

- FUTURE COMMISSION METING SCHEDULE FOR 2011

Ms. Stoltz made the motion that the Commission shall return to a monthly meeting calendar as opposed to a bi- monthly meeting calendar that has been observed through 2010. The monthly meetings were a practice that was formerly observed by this Commission. Members unanimously agreed with the meeting calendar change. The new meeting calendar will begin in January 2011.

- COMMISSION OUTREACH

Members of the Commission have been charged to invite five people that they know to attend and get involved with future events that the commission holds. Ideas for future outreach of the Commission include social networking websites such as Facebook, etc. This way the Commission can build interest in resident participation and future membership.

- NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Commission will be held on Tuesday, January 11th, 2011.

- Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the meeting, at approximately 7:57 p.m. the meeting was motioned adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory D. Mahoney, Secretary
Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission