

City of Lakewood, Ohio

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Held: City Hall, Lakewood, Ohio
January 11, 2011

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Community Relations Advisory Commission (the "Commission") was held on January 11, 2010.

Attending the meeting were the following members of the Commission: Greg Mahoney, April Stoltz, Paula Maeder Connor, Nadhal Eadah, Barbara Schwartz, Joe Lobo. Melissa Garrett from the Office of Community Relations for the City of Lakewood was also in attendance. Malik Moore was also present as a resident attendee to the meeting. Notice having been duly given and a quorum being present, the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. local time.

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

- YOUTH CONVERSATION

Mr. Eadah, Mr. Lobo, Ms. Stoltz and Guest Attendee, Mr. Moore met with students from Lakewood High School that will be participating in the upcoming Youth Conversation. The Youth Conversation will be held on Wednesday, February 16th 2011 from 7-8:30 pm. Sample questions were distributed at the meeting. Approximately eight LHS students will be participating as panelists.

- UPCOMING DIVERSITY POTLUCK

The Potluck will be held on January 27th, 2011 from 6-8:30. The social icebreaker would be in the form of a "name tag" game. Food would be divided between separate meat and vegetarian tables. Everybody brings his or her favorite ethnic dish. All Commission Members bring two liters of soda. Ms. Stoltz and Mr. Eadah will be responsible for pizza and coffee donations. Ms. Stoltz will also provide posterboard for providing a thank you to the donors. Mr. Lobo and Ms. Schwartz will provide duraflame logs. Ms. Wellman will provide silverware. Mr. Moore will provide ice. Ms. Garrett will provide nametags, sign in sheets, markers and a podium.

- ADVERTISING FOR THE COMMISSION:

Various members of the Commission have been assigned to work with various community partners to advertise in regards to the Potluck and Youth Conversation. Rev. Maeder Connor will work with the Lakewood Ministerial Alliance. Mr. Lobo will work with Lakewood school administrators and teaching faculty. Mr. Eadah will work with City Council and School Board.

- KASEY GREER:

Kasey Greer is the Executive Director of the Heights Community Congress. Mr. Lobo has been in constant contact with Ms. Greer to collaborate on future activities the commission sponsors.

- LOBC REPORT

Mr. Eadah has reported that LOBC will be meeting with Mayor Summers about opening two other locations for outdoor basketball play this summer.

- IDILING

Mr. Mahoney provided a status report on the idling public education campaign. The sub-committee consisting of Mr. Mahoney, Mr. Eadah, Ms. Stoltz, Ms. Wellman and Ms. Williams. The sub-committee created a plan of action to educate the public on LCO § 56-09. Members of the Commission unanimously selected Mr. Mahoney as the Commission's point person to submit the plan to City Council for their consideration.

- RAD NEWS

Mr. Loboizzo reported that the Lakewood High School RAD (Race and Diversity) student organization was invited back to the White House for their annual concert series.

- DIVERSITY AND LAKEWOOD CITY SCHOOL CHORAL CONCERTS

Rev. Maeder Connor reported that diversity in tune selections was not present in the holiday concert series. She points out that this shall be an issue to be placed on a future agenda.

- COMMISSION AND CITY COUNCIL LIASON VACANCIES

It has been reported that the Commission still stands three members short, all mayoral appointments. The terms of Ms. Williams, Rev Maeder Connor, Mr. Loboizzo and Ms. Farunia will also be expiring at the end of January. Also, it is noted that the City Council Liaison has been vacated by now State Representative Nickie Antonio. It is agreed upon that the Commission shall be 100% seated with no vacancies before a new Council Liaison is seated. Commission Members will sign a thank you card of appreciation to Rep. Antonio at the February meeting.

- NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Commission will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2011.

- Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the meeting, at approximately 8:15 p.m. the meeting was motioned adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory D. Mahoney, Secretary
Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission