

City of Lakewood, Ohio

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Held: City Hall, Lakewood, Ohio
August 9, 2011

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Community Relations Advisory Commission (the "Commission") was held on August 9, 2011.

Attending the meeting were the following members of the Commission: Greg Mahoney, April Stoltz, Gayle Wellman, Paula Maeder Connor, Barbara Schwartz, Malik Moore, Joe Lobo, Veronica Youngblood and Karen Kuramoto. City of Lakewood Community Relations Specialist Melissa Garrett, Lakewood City Councilperson Monique Smith and Lakewood resident Bryce Sylvester 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.

A reading and disposal of the amended July minutes were conducted.

- ANNUAL REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL:

The Commissions Annual Report to City Council that was formerly scheduled for the July 18th City Council meeting was rescheduled. The rescheduled date will be Monday September 19th. Various amendments to the proposed report were discussed. Rev Maeder Connor will be making the presentation of the report to council.

- MODIFIED NEW RESIDENT PACKETS:

Ms. Kuramoto reported that she had a conversation with Lakewood Block Club Coordinator Mike Tuttle. The dialogue reported that a vast majority of streets in Lakewood that have an over abundance of multi family rental dwellings do not have an active block club. Mr. Tuttle suggested that the Birdtown neighborhood should have a pilot program in place to establish a Block Club. Ms. Kuramoto further suggested that creating a community cooperative connection in these neighborhoods to create block clubs in conjunction with the distribution of the modified new resident packets. Some of the updated changes to the packets include placing a map of the city on a single sheet of paper with parking restrictions on the opposite side. It was suggested that the fold out map of the city takes up too much space and shall be extracted from the packet. Some residents have favored placing coupons to local merchants in the packets. Ms. Garrett reported that businesses that would be interested in advertising in city publications would have to be solicited through the Chamber of Commerce. The "places to worship" list will be updated.

- WELCOMING PARTY FOR NEW RESIDENTS:

Ms. Garrett will seek a formal endorsement from Mayor Summers for the Welcoming Party.

- ANTI IDLING:

Ms. Stoltz distributed clean air bumper stickers and pamphlets to Members of the Commission that she received during her recent visit to NOACA. It was reported that Lakewood has received 10 clean air signs as a donation from NOACA. Members of the Commission received a cover letter of the public educational campaign that will be forwarded to community and commerce organizations. Ms. Garrett is working on the city responsibility pillar of the public educational plan which includes water bill stuffers, a city website link and Channel 74 slides.

- NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Commission will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2011.

- Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the meeting, at approximately 8:10 p.m. the meeting was motioned adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory D. Mahoney, Secretary
Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission