

City of Lakewood, Ohio

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Held: City Hall, Lakewood, Ohio
December 13, 2011

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Community Relations Advisory Commission (the "Commission") was held on December 13, 2011.

Attending the meeting were the following members of the Commission: Greg Mahoney, April Stoltz, Malik Moore, Barbara Schwartz, Carla Williams, Joe LoboZZo and Karen Kuramoto. City of Lakewood Community Relations Specialist Melissa Garrett and Lakewood City Councilperson Monique Smith were also in attendance. Guest attendee Melissa Russoniello 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.

Reading and disposal of the minutes from the October and November meetings were conducted.

A favored motion on the floor that the commission's 2012 meeting schedule will continue on a monthly basis was conducted.

- UPCOMING EXPIRATION OF MEMBER TERMS:

Mr. Mahoney reported that a few members of the commission will have terms expiring at the end of January. The following members that are listed will need to see their respective elective official to be re-appointed if he or she wishes to continue serving. Mr. Moore and Ms. Kuramoto will need to seek re-appointment from Mayor Summers. Ms. Stoltz will need to seek re-appointment from Councilman David Anderson. Ms. Wellman will need to seek re-appointment from Councilwoman Monique Smith.

- LUMA MUFLAH EVENT FOLLOW UP:

This event was well attended by members of the community. This event was attended by a few members of the commission who worked a table that's purpose was used to let the general public attending the event become more educated about the commission such as passing out upcoming commission sponsored event invites and signing up for e-mail updates from the commission.

- DIVERSITY POTLUCK:

Lakewood High School RAD student organization will co-sponsor this event as the invitation flyer will need to be updated for this. RAD students will assist with set up and registration chores. The ESL students from Lakewood High School will also be involved as they will conduct a presentation during the event. The following businesses have confirmed that they will donate to the event. Those businesses include, La Plaza, Two Dads Diner, Assads Bakery and Deagans. Mr. Moore will be in contact with Blackbird Bakery about possible donations. Mr. Mahoney will write a Lakewood Observer article prior to the event. Ms. Garrett will put together the invitations through the city's resources, city e-news blast, etc. Councilwoman Smith

suggested a way to make an incentive for the event by letting community members who bring a dish be entered into a raffle. An icebreaker idea that Ms. Schwartz suggested would create a world map and let those pinpoint the country in which they came from.

- COMMISSION FACEBOOK PAGE:

Mr. Saracina created a facebook page for the commission. The purpose of the new facebook page is to advertise. All commission members that like the new facebook page are automatically going to administer the page.

- ANTI IDLING:

Ms. Stoltz handed new signs out that will be put into business windows. Metal signs that the city received will be localized.

- COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS / NEW METROPOLIS:

Mr. Moore, Ms. Kuramoto, Mr. Loboizzo and Ms. Schwartz will serve on the sub- committee.

- WELCOME TO LAKEWOOD EVENT:

The commission is looking at re-locating the venue of the event to the Garfield Middle School Cafetorium. Some of the confirmed speakers at the event include Mayor Summers, Jeff Patterson- Superintendent of the Lakewood City Schools, State Representative Nickie Antonio. Research and follow up with the school system needs to be conducted to see if there is no other event scheduled during the course of that evening due to parking issues on the Garfield campus. The commission shall build a list of the organizations that will participate. Ms. Garrett will organize a PDF/ Excel spreadsheet on a list of organizations.

- NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Commission will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2011.

- Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the meeting, at approximately 8:02 p.m. the meeting was motioned adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory D. Mahoney, Secretary
Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission