

City of Lakewood, Ohio

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMISSION

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

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Community Relations Advisory Commission (the "Commission") was held on October 11, 2011.

Attending the meeting were the following members of the Commission: Greg Mahoney, Paula Maeder Connor, Barbara Schwartz, Joe Lobo, Nadhal Eadah, Dan Saracina, Gayle Wellman and Karen Kuramoto. City of Lakewood Community Relations Specialist Melissa Garrett and Lakewood City Councilperson Monique Smith were also in attendance. Resident guest attendee Kim McCarty was also present. Notice having been duly given and a quorum being present, the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. local time.

A reading and disposal of the September minutes were conducted.

-KIM MCCARTY:

Kim McCarty was the Commission's guest attendee for the evening. Ms. McCarty is the Chairperson of the City of Lakewood Animal Safety and Welfare Advisory Board. Ms. McCarty came by to introduce herself and to discuss the City's feline cat spray/ neuter program to contain the feline population. Ms. McCarty and her board is seeking to work with the commission to educate the public at large especially in conjunction with the commission's current initiative in updating the new resident welcoming packets.

- ANNUAL REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL:

Members of the Commission edited a draft outline of the annual report that will be presented by Rev. Maeder Connor at the September 19th meeting of Lakewood City Council.

- ANTI- IDLING UPDATE:

The Anti- Idling sub- committee met in September to follow up on its initiatives. Ms. Wellman reported that one tier of the outreach effort was to advertise the anti- idling plan with the Lakewood City Schools via flyers sent home to parents of school children. Ms. Wellman reported that she had touched base with Mr. Berdine at the School Board saying that the schools cannot work with the commission in its advertising efforts because of the lack of promoting an educational program or merit to student educational purposes. Mr. Mahoney is working with NOACA for more signage and literature. Rev Maeder Connor

suggested partnering with the following organizations on outreach efforts: Lakewood Collaborative, Lakewood PTA Council, Lakewood Early Childhood PTA, Library and Lakewood Alive.

- ANNUAL REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL RECAP:

Rev. Maeder Connor presented the commission's annual report at the September 19th meeting of Lakewood City Council. Mr. Mahoney drafted a follow up article in the Lakewood Observer. The commission for future consideration discussed the thought of a semi-annual report.

New Business:

Mr. LoboZZo reported that Luna Mufleh, author of Outcast United would make an appearance at the Lakewood High School Civic Auditorium on November 29th. Rev Maeder Connor suggested that the commission should set up a table in the civic lobby to outreach about the commission's working and upcoming events.

- NEXT MEETING

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

- Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the meeting, at approximately 7:47 p.m. the meeting was motioned adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory D. Mahoney, Secretary
Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission