

City of Lakewood, Ohio

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Held: City Hall, Lakewood, Ohio  
April 10, 2012

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Community Relations Advisory Commission (the "Commission") was held on April 10, 2012.

Attending the meeting were the following members of the Commission: Greg Mahoney, April Stoltz, Nahida Farunia, J.T. Neuffer, Barbara Schwartz, Karen Kuramoto and Veronica Youngblood- White. City of Lakewood Community Relations Specialist Melissa Garrett and Resident Guest Emmie Hutchinson were also in attendance. Notice having been duly given and a quorum being present, the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. local time.

Reading and disposal of the minutes from the March 2012 meetings were conducted.

- EMMIE HUTCHINSON INTRODUCTION:

Emmie Hutchinson, Coordinator of the Lakewood youth driven H2O program stopped by to the Commission meeting to introduce herself. H2O will serve one of the Commission's partners to carry out the upcoming Welcome to Lakewood event. Emmie shared with the Commission that Mr. Mark Walter, Garfield Middle School Principal will generously provide a ping pong table for table tennis at the event. Ms. Hutchinson also shared that the Middle School students created a narrative book that includes surveys that they filled out about what they like about Lakewood. These books will be distributed at the event. H2O will also have a helium tank at their table that the City's Division on Aging will provide. H2O students along with the students from the Lakewood High School RAD organization will assist with whatever volunteer responsibilities are needed.

- WELCOME TO LAKEWOOD EVENT:

For a successful inaugural Welcome to Lakewood event, Members of the Commission will undergo the following responsibilities:

I. Event outreach/ advertising:

- a. Lakewood Observer article/ invite will appear in the April 17<sup>th</sup> edition.
- b. City electronic ways and means to electronically invite (Ms. Garrett's role).
- c. Commission e-invite blast (Mr. Mahoney's role).
- d. Leaflet the following locations/ events:
  - Lakewood Park and Metropark Soccer events.
  - Mike Tuttle, CERT Coordinator, City of Lakewood.
  - Angela Ortiz, Ward 2 Neighborhood Police Officer.

- Community bulletin boards throughout the city.
- Lakewood Christian Service Outreach.
- North Coast Health Ministry.
- Dog Park.
- Lakewood Baby Bargain Bonanza.

As of this meeting, the following merchants have confirmed their food donations for the event: Elmwood Bakery, Blackbird Bakery, Avenue Tap House, The Root Café, KB Confections Bakery and Bella Dubby. The Commission is still waiting on confirmations from: Breadsmith, Create a Cake, The Donut Shop and Sweet Designs.

A short questionnaire will be provided to each event attendee with the following questions:

1. Was this event helpful to you?
2. What did you like about the event?
3. What could we do better?
4. Would you recommend this event to a neighbor/ friend?

In closing, Commission Members shall arrive around 5:30p.m. Participating organizations shall arrive at 6:00 p.m., as the event will begin at 7:00p.m. A DVD slideshow of the city will play on the power point projector as attendees walk in. Intros by the Mayor and Superintendent of Schools and a video message from State Representative Nickie Antonio will follow.

- NEW METROPOLIS/ COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS FOLLOW UP:

Members of the Commission provided individual feedback of their thoughts on the event that was held in March. The event was successful as the attendance had some drawbacks from nice weather that evening, etc. Additional potential drawbacks occurred due to parking issues from other events at Lakewood Park that evening.

- NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting for the Commission will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2012.

- Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the meeting, at approximately 8:05 p.m. the meeting was motioned adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gregory D. Mahoney, Secretary  
Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission

