

City of Lakewood, Ohio

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Held: City Hall, Lakewood, Ohio
December 11, 2012

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Community Relations Advisory Commission (the "Commission") was held on December 11, 2012.

Attending the meeting were the following Members of the Commission: Greg Mahoney, April Stoltz, Karen Kuramoto, Barbara Schwartz, Joe Lobo, Paula Maeder-Connor and J.T. Neuffer. City of Lakewood Community Relations Specialist Melissa Garrett and Resident Carol DeLatt were also in attendance. Notice having been duly given and a quorum being present, the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. local time.

The reading and disposal of the November 2012 minutes will be deferred until the January 2012 meeting.

- THE OTHER WES MOORE:

The Other Wes Moore Community Conversation event that was hosted on November 14th was a success with great turnout and a receptive audience. Mr. Neuffer through his generosity presented gift cards to the Root Café to the participating panelists.

- ANNUAL DIVERSITY POTLUCK:

In order to ensure a successful potluck; the following members of the commission will seek food donations from local businesses. Ms. Kuramoto will seek donations from La Plaza Supermarket. Rev. Maeder - Connor will seek donations from 56 West and provide coffee. Mr. Neuffer will seek donations from Thai Hut. Ms. Stoltz will seek donations from Deagan's. Mr. Mahoney will seek donations from Around the Corner. The Lakewood High School RAD and Identity Student Organizations will be asked to serve as co-sponsors of this year's potluck. Each of these two organizations will be allowed a 10 minute time block for presentations. Identification tags shall be provided to identify the food being donated along with its ethnic origin. The world map will be brought back this year for the icebreaker.

- NEW BUSINESS:

Welcome to Lakewood event sub-committee:

Early preparations for the Welcome to Lakewood event that will be held in April 2013 are underway. A welcome to Lakewood event sub-committee will be formed. The sub-committee members will be Mr. Neuffer, Ms. Schwartz, Ms. Stoltz and Ms. Kuramoto.

Discussion on meeting protocol for meeting guests:

The commission is embarking on early and preliminary discussions to review and identify proper meeting protocol for resident guests who attend commission meetings ie: public comment and seating arrangements.

- NEXT MEETING:

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

- Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the meeting, at approximately 8:20 p.m. the meeting was motioned adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory D. Mahoney, Secretary
Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission