

City of Lakewood, Ohio

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMISSION

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

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

Attending the meeting were the following members of the Commission: Greg Mahoney, April Stoltz, Malik Moore, Carla Willams, Joe LoboZZo, Paula Maeder Connor, Nahida Farunia, Gayle Wellman, Dan Saracina and Nadhal Eadah. City of Lakewood Community Relations Specialist Melissa Garrett and Lakewood City Councilperson Monique Smith were also in attendance. Guest attendee Lisa Shaffer- Gill was 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.

Reading and disposal of the minutes from the December 2011 meeting was conducted.

- COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

It has been reported that Ms. Kuramoto and Mr. Moore were re-appointed by Mayor Summers to full three-year terms. Mr. Saracina was re-appointed to a full three-year term by Councilman Brian Powers. Ms. Wellman announced that she would not be re-seeking appointment for a full term due to family and other civic obligations. Ms. Wellman's decision creates a new appointment from Councilwoman Monique Smith.

- LISA SHAFFER- GILL, LAKEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL ESL INSTRUCTOR:

Ms. Shaffer- Gill was the guest attendee for the evening. Ms. Shaffer- gill is one of two ESL (English as a second language) instructors at Lakewood High School. Ms. Shaffer- Gill also formally served as a Commission Member. Ms. Shaffer- Gill shared with the Commission some of the Challenges, Strengths and other factors the ESL students face. Ms. Shaffer- Gill's students will present themselves at the potluck with their cultural backgrounds.

- DIVERSITY POTLUCK:

In order to have successful operations at this year's potluck, additional preparation duties have been graciously volunteered by certain commission members. Rev. Maeder Connor will provide tablecloths and a world map for the icebreaker as will Ms. Schwartz. Ms. Farunia will provide markers and any other necessary stationary. Mr. Mahoney will provide pop and duraflame logs from Giant Eagle. Ms. Smith will provide an iPod dock for music. Ms. Wellman will provide napkins and silverware. In regards to food

donations, the following businesses have so far confirmed their donations: Souper Market, India Garden, Root Café, Deagans, Around the Corner, Cozumel and Two Dads Diner. Ms. Wellman will seek donations from Jammy Buggers.

- WELCOME TO LAKEWOOD EVENT:

Lakewood Collaborative will co-sponsor this event. Ms. Garrett is working on creating a list of potential community and civic organizations to showcase at the event.

- ANTI IDLING:

Lakewood Hospital PR Department will publish information on the anti- idling ordinance in their newsletters. Work is ongoing with the Lakewood City Schools PTA Council to publish info in the “Chalk Talk” newsletters that each building sends out.

- NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting for the Commission will be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2012.

- Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the meeting, at approximately 8:17 p.m. the meeting was motioned adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gregory D. Mahoney, Secretary  
Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission