

City of Lakewood, Ohio

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Held: City Hall, Lakewood, Ohio
June 12, 2012

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Community Relations Advisory Commission (the "Commission") was held on June 12, 2012.

Attending the meeting were the following members of the Commission: April Stoltz, Dan Saracina, Joe Lobazzo, Nahida Farunia, Barbara Schwartz, Karen Kuramoto, Veronica Youngblood-White. City of Lakewood Community Relations Specialist Melissa Garrett and guest Becky Carlton, graduate of Cleveland State University. Notice having been duly given 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 April 2012 meetings was conducted.

- NEW MEMBERS:

No new members at this time, discussed Malik Moore relocation to Columbus and resignation of position.

- REPORT TO PREPARE FOR COUNCIL:

The committee agreed to compile and present report for September Council Meeting. April selected to present information Tuesday September 4, 2012. Members will contemplate a list of items to include in the report. Melissa informed us that Monique Smith advised that a written report should be included; committee in agreement.

- OLD BUSINESS:

Melissa will speak to Joe Benno in regards to an update on the anti-idling signs. April will bring materials from initial anti-idling meeting to the June meeting.

- WELCOME TO LAKEWOOD EVENT:

Discussed positive feedback received from people on the street. Karen introduced possibility of inviting area businesses to the next event. Commission discussed the possibility of hosting the event twice a year.

- LAKWOOD READS 2012:

Joe Lobazzo began the discussion with an introduction on the Lakewood Reads Summer 2012 program. Lakewood High School Department selected "The Other Wes Moore by Wes Moore. Joe gave a brief synopsis of the book and the author Wes Moore will provide an introduction of the book to the High School on the morning of October 23, 2012 to the student body. Discussed possibility of shaping some sort of event around the book to be held in library, coffee shop, etc., discussed time, sub-committee, and speakers. Dan and Karen willing to help Joe sphere head the event.

- BRAINSTORMING:

Melissa indicated three significant events are important and helpful. Commission suggested the following:

- ✓ Educating Real Estate agents on what Lakewood offers
- ✓ Potluck
- ✓ Community Conversation
- ✓ Welcome to Lakewood Event
- ✓ Partnering and volunteering with other commission groups
- ✓ Work with LOBC to re-open basketball courts (hoops)
- ✓ Attend block club meetings to find out the community concerns
- ✓ Mike Boden may speak at August Meeting

- NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting for the Commission will be held on Tuesday July 10, 2012.

- Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, at 8:19pm the meeting was motioned adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Veronica Youngblood-White,
Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission