

City of Lakewood, Ohio

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Held: City Hall, Lakewood, Ohio  
March 13, 2012

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Community Relations Advisory Commission (the "Commission") was held on March 13, 2012.

Attending the meeting were the following members of the Commission: Greg Mahoney, April Stoltz, Malik Moore, Joe Lobo, Nahida Farunia, J.T. Neuffer, Barbara Schwartz, Karen Kuramoto and Nadhal Eadah. City of Lakewood Community Relations Specialist Melissa Garrett and Lakewood City Councilperson Monique Smith 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 January 2012 and February 2012 meetings were conducted.

- NEW COMMISSION MEMBER:

Councilwoman Monique Smith appointed J.T. Neuffer in replacement of Gayle Wellman who chose not to seek another term. Mr. Neuffer is employed with Cuyahoga Community College as the Director of Employee Relations. Introductions were held for Mr. Neuffer's benefit.

- COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS/ NEW METROPOLIS:

The Community Conversations Sub-Committee distributed sample agendas for the event that is going to be held on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm at the Lakewood Park Women's Club Pavilion. Commission members shall arrive at 6pm for set-up. Mr. Lobo will serve as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

The structure of the evening will go like this: Introductions and thank you's will be conducted first. The first video will be shown then a group discussion will occur at each table following the showing of the first video. Each table/group will report out their discussion answers. The same sequence will follow after the showing of the second film. The closing remarks will be used as an opportunity to promote the Welcome to Lakewood event.

Mr. Moore made an advertisement for the event. Ms. Garrett will utilize all of the available methods of contact the city uses to promote events. Mr. Mahoney will notify our contacts that have signed up through our e-mail network. Mr. Saracina will make an event invite for the commission's facebook page.

Mr. Moore will provide bottles of water for the evening. Each commission member will be responsible for providing at least one dozen cookies.

- WELCOME TO LAKEWOOD EVENT:

The Welcome to Lakewood event will be held on Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at Garfield Middle School. Ms. Stoltz shared the logo for the event. The Lakewood Family Collaborative chaired by Ms. Kristine Pagsuyoin has generously agreed to co-sponsor the event with the commission. The commission and the Lakewood Family Collaborative has also created a passive testimonial event invite/ flyer for the event.

- NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting for the Commission will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 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