

City of Lakewood, Ohio

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMISSION

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

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

Attending the meeting were the following Members of the Commission: Greg Mahoney, April Stoltz, Karen Kuramoto, Barbara Schwartz, Veronica Youngblood-White and J.T. Neuffer. Lakewood City Councilperson Monique Smith, 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 6:58 p.m. local time.

Reading and disposal of the minutes from the October 2012 meeting were conducted.

- THE OTHER WES MOORE:

Ms. Schwartz read an e-mail from Mr. Loboizzo running down the sequence of proposed events for "The Other Wes Moore" Community Conversations that will be held at the University of Akron, Lakewood Satellite Campus on Wednesday November 14th. Individual commission member responsibilities were also assigned to ensure success of the event.

- ANNUAL DIVERSITY POTLUCK:

Early ideas for this years potluck are beginning to be incorporated. Lakewood High School RAD students could also come back alongside members of the Lakewood High School Alumni community to share their fond experiences of the Lakewood Story and how those experiences have applied to individual success stories. With this being suggested, the commission can possibly team up with the Lakewood City Schools Alumni Association for feedback.

- ANTI-IDLING:

The commission revisited closing loose ends of this public educational initiative ie: sign placements, endorsement letter to community organizations.

- NEW BUSINESS:

In New Business; the commission discussed some new initiatives stemming from the Annual Report to City Council that was presented in October. Some of the initiatives that the commission would like to work on in the upcoming year would like to facilitate a further educational template to real estate agents who specialize in Lakewood home sales to sell our key community assets such as the school system and its available opportunities for student success and other quality of life strengths Lakewood has to offer. The commission also discussed the possibility of adding a youth member.

-PUBLIC COMMENT:

Carol DeLatt: Expressed two concerns in regards to the scheduled Wes Moore Community Conversations; 1. Is the venue going to be accommodating for a large turnout? 2. What are the ways the commission advertises and invites the community to its events? Ms. Schwartz responded that the venue that is being provided by the University of Akron, Lakewood has enough accommodating space to handle large crowds. Mr. Mahoney also re-iterated that direct advertising around town and other advertising avenues that the city provides are ways that the commission advertises. Mr. Mahoney further re-iterated that the commission has an e-mail list serve that he as the Secretary maintains to invite those that have participated in past commission events and have requested to receive e-mail updates.

- NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting for the Commission will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2012.

- Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the meeting, at approximately 8:15 p.m. the meeting was motioned adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory D. Mahoney, Secretary
Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission