

Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission Minutes

April 5, 2018; 6:30 PM; Lakewood City Hall, 12650 Detroit Ave.

In attendance were: Chitra Walker, Rachel Donaldson (Co-Chair), Barbara Howell, Sam Gantous, Erik Meinhardt, Tariq Ata, Bernadette Elston, and Harry Lader (Secretary); April Stoltz (visitor) and Melissa Garrett (Community Relations Specialist). **Not present were:** Gary Rick, Gabrielle Jackson, Andrew Morris, and Jessica Sloan (Co-Chair). We have a quorum (minimum of seven members).

Old business: The minutes from our last meeting on March 13, 2018 were approved.

Appointees: Andrew Morris has been appointed by Mayor Summers. David Andersen still needs to appoint one person to this committee.

Committees: Two major committees, one subcommittee have been created. Each person on this commission is strongly encouraged to sign up for at least one of these committees:

1. Publicity/marketing (write articles on events, promote events on social media, create/distribute fliers, etc.)
2. Event/logistics (working with the venue, logistics of events, donations for event, coordination with other community groups, etc.)
 - (subcommittee) Speakers/panelists/entertainment (coordinating speakers and messaging for events, getting panelists for Community Conversations, activities or entertainment at events, etc.)

A Survey Monkey questionnaire will be sent out to all commission members to get a better idea of the time availability for the LCRAC meetings, to sign up for one of the committees, and to volunteer.

Events: We will be cosponsoring the next community forum event with LakewoodAlive: Embracing Diversity to be held May 23 at 7:00 PM at Lakewood Library. Dr. Tameka Taylor, President of Compass Consulting Services will be the moderator; the panelists will be: Gabrielle Jackson, Murat Gurer of the Turkish Cultural Center, Samantha Walters from the She Collective LLC, another panelist, as well as a high school student.

Marketing will be done using social media by LakewoodAlive and we will share the information on our Facebook page. We will help with volunteering for the event, and will need about four volunteers.

Upcoming meetings: April 12, Community Conversation about School Safety by LakewoodAlive. We will have a few volunteers from LCRAC.

May 23, Community Conversation on Embracing Diversity: LCRAC will have a table for handing out materials about our commission. Chitra Walker and Harry Lader will work to get a poster with information about our commission, photos of past events, our mission statement, as well as handouts such as the proclamation as handouts and a one page sheet summary of what we do and dates.

Submitted by: Harry Lader, Secretary, May 15, 2018