

LCRAC Meeting
Thursday, November 14, 2019
Harrison Elementary School

Present: Walter Wright, Chair; Rachel Donaldson, Vice Chair; Gary Rick (acting as Secretary in Chitra's absence); Robin Beavers, Jon Gromek, Tracy Greenberg, Gwendolyn Holden-Seckers

Absent: Melissa Garrett, Community Relations Specialist; Lise Stevens, Stacy Loejos, Chitra Walker, Tariq Atta

Approval of Minutes

Those in attendance looked over the minutes from August and September (October's minutes are pending) and noted several typos. We didn't have enough members present to approve the minutes but hope to be able to do so at our Dec. 12 meeting (need to check with Melissa on the required number of members present at the meeting necessary to approve minutes).

Discussion about Welcome to Lakewood

The event went well, however some comments were made about how to drive more people to the event. It was felt that signage could be more prominent and closer to the street at Garfield. Another suggestion was to change the name to Discover Lakewood so it will not appear to be directed at new residents only.

Youth Advisory Council

Gary, Robin and Tariq have all been involved with the group. Last week, the 6 current members reviewed 40 applications for 9 open seats. They have sorted and rated the applications and the top candidates will be invited to participate in 15 minute interviews.

Diversity Pot Luck at the Lakewood Women's Club Pavillion - Thursday, Jan. 23 6 - 8 pm

- Last year's event was a success with very nice turnout
- Last year's theme based on Martin Luther King Day
- Questions were provided to each table to facilitate conversation about where we all came from
- Then one person from each table summarized discussion
- There was discussion about possible involving the newly formed Youth Council
- Possibly have background music from different cultures.
- Gary suggested we outline the different tasks that are needed to pull it together so when we vote on whether to continue for 2020 we will have enough help to build upon it.

2020 LCRAC Officers

Walter stated that we have to have candidates for the positions of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary for next year. Robin nominated Walter, Gary nominated Anastasia Loejos Morrison and Rachel Donaldson

nominated Gary Rick for Secretary. Both Walter and Gary will willingly serve in these roles if voted in. Melissa will reach out to Anastasia to gauge her interest.

We currently have 11 members however Chitra Walker will be leaving at the end of the year, so we will have three open positions.

Annual Report to City Council

It was determined that we should create a power point for a council meeting in January or February to recap our 2019 events and achievements. This would include the Welcome to Lakewood, Diversity Pot Luck, Creation of Youth Council, Collaboration with Lakewood Alive in Community Conversations...

We also talked about the Commission making a recommendation to council regarding Accessibility and/or Racial Equity.

Next Meetings

Dec 12 at 6:30 pm City Hall

January 9 at 6:30 pm City Hall