

**LCRAC Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 17, 2019**

Present: Jon Gromek, Tariq Atta, Walter Wright, Chitra Walker, Gary Rick, Rachel Donaldson, Tracy Greenberg, Gwendolyn Holden-Seckers and Melissa Garrett.

Absent: Lise Stevens, Robin Beavers and Anastasia Loejos Morrison

Approval of Minutes

Four months of meeting minutes were approved:

November 14	Motion: Gary Rick	Second: Rachel Donaldson
October 10	Motion: Tariq Atta	Second: Tracy Greenberg
September 17	Motion: Rachel Donaldson	Second: Jon Gromek
August 15	Motion: Walter Wright	Second: Gary Rick

Selection of Officers 2020 (Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary)

Chair	Walter Wright	Nominated by Rachel D	Second: Jon G
Vice Chair	Tracy Greenberg	Nominated by Gary R	Second: Chitra W
Secretary	Gary Rick	Nominated by Tracy G	Second: Chitra W

Whole slate unanimously approved. Thanks to all for their service.

Diversity Pot Luck at the Lakewood Women’s Club Pavilion, January 23 6-8 pm

- Chitra explained Diversity Potluck details, agreed to manage donations of food
- Several individuals agreed to call on vendors related to food donations. Will report back at our next meeting in January.
- Jon Gromek volunteered to take over the Diversity Pot Luck event next year. He will work with Chitra this year on making things happen. He will send out an email to all in early January as to the assignments and what needs to be done.
- Event was a success last year with very nice turnout around 50, high was 75 in past
- Theme based on Martin Luther King Day
- Families asked to bring a dish for six people
- City council person or Mayor has spoken in the past
- Activities last year around individual heritage or persons around the table. Well received.
- Thank you signs were created at the event to give to the vendors who donated food
- We will invite members of the newly formed Youth Council to attend if able and encourage them to invite friends.
- Walter will write an article for the Lakewood Observer
- Melissa passed out fliers for the event that we can take to stores or share with others.
- Suggested that we possible have a song or skit by the theater kids at Garfield Middle School. They have one focused on “Stop the Hate”. Questions were provided to each table to facilitate conversation about where we all came from

Youth Advisory Update

Melissa reported that the youth have conducted all interviews and have selected the 15 members of the Youth Council. Their first official meeting will be January 8, 6-8 pm. They are currently working on writing the letters to those who will serve and those who were not selected at this time.

2020 Census

- Melissa emphasized the importance of everyone being counted as it greatly influences the amount of funding and grants that may be allocated to our city.
- If we have at least 50,000 residents we qualify for a higher level of funding. Less than this will put us in a pool of funds that are split with all of the smaller municipalities.
- In January the city needs help in getting everyone counted
- This year there is a new online form.
- Help is needed to identify some of the harder to count neighborhoods, including the refugee families.
- Melissa will provide an update at our next meeting

Annual Report to City Council

It was determined that we will create a presentation to City Council for some time in or around March 2020 that highlights our accomplishments in 2019 and possibly some additional from prior years as well as any recommendations we have. Gary will go through the minutes and make a bullet list of things we have worked on and then we can decide which ones we want to highlight on the presentation.

Announcements

Tracy shared that she has been selected to participate in the TAP transportation program.

Next Meetings

January 9 at 6:30 pm City Hall

February 13 at 6:30 pm City Hall

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Minutes motioned for approval by Rachel D and seconded by Jon G