



**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD**  
**6900 N. Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, IL 60712**

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, July 11, 2016  
Village Hall Council Chambers  
6900 N. Lincoln Avenue  
Lincolnwood, IL 60712

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Kohn called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM

**II. Roll Call**

Commissioners Rebecca Kohn, Karen Holmes, Myra Foutris, Mary Koleff-May, Carole Orah and Chief Robert LaMantia were present.

Commissioner Paul Kramer was excused.

Audience: Beryl Herman, Deb Keegan-Lincolnwood Library and Mario Rizzotti

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Tabled

**IV. Old Business**

**a. Budget**

Chief LaMantia advised that the Village Board supported the HRC's initiatives provided the expenditures are within reason.

**b. Diversity Month Event**

The Diversity Month Event is scheduled for Monday August 15, 2016 at 6:30 PM in the Proesel Park Shelter House. HRC Commissioners should be there no later than 6 PM.

Dance troops include:

- Chicago Cossacks – a song and dance ensemble representing Russian and Ukrainian traditions
- Dukati and Biseri Folklore Ensemble - a performing ensemble representing Serbian and Macedonian folklore
- Natraj Dance Academy – Folk and classical dance styles from India namely Bharatanatyam, Kuchipudi and Mohiniattam.

A flyer will be created and posted at various locations including the Lincolnwood Aquatic Center, Village Hall and Proesel Park. A notice will be posted on Next Door.com and Rebecca will ensure that the information is posted on the Village's website. An article will be included in the Parks and Recreation Newsletter.

The Lincolnwood Library will provide ice cream. Carole and Myra will bring Baklava (150 pieces) and a variety of sweets representing other cultures will be purchased. Plates, napkins and cups will be purchased by the police department. Karen will contact Binny's to see if they would donate water. The estimated budget for the event was set at \$2,800.

Rebecca will provide Lt. Martin with information on how the stage should be setup.

c. 2016 Human Relations Commission Award

The 2016 Human Relations Commission Person of the Year Award was presented to Dr. Jean Weiss on June 21, 2016 at the Village Board Meeting.

d. July 4<sup>th</sup> Concert

The concert went very well and over 100 people were in attendance.

V. New Business

a. Diversity Task Force

Beryl Herman noted that she has scheduled three speakers for the Coffee with the Clergy event scheduled for Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. The goal is to expose attendees to multiple religions.

Commissioner Holmes made a motion that the HRC will partner with the Village Board and support the Coffee with the Clergy event; seconded by Commission Oraha. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Public Forum

Suggestions for other Cultural Diversity events included a Top Chef Competition and cooking classes which may attract more interest and increase awareness. The Parks and Recreation Department might be able to help.

Ms. Deb Keegan of the Niles Township "Coming Together" group noted that they meet monthly. Their group focuses on one culture which is discussed over two meetings.

VII. Good to the order

No report

VIII. Staff Report

No report

IX. Adjournment

Commissioner Koleff-May motioned to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Oraha seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Karen Holmes".

Karen Holmes  
Commissioner