

Lincolnwood Human Relations Commission Meeting
Monday, Jan. 9, 2012
7:00 PM Lincolnwood Council Chambers

1. **Roll Call & New Member:** Present – Anjum Ali, Rita Eng, Anna A. Pawlowski, Jean Ikezoe Halevi, Paul Kramer, Maria Ugarte Ramos, Martina M. Keller, Mary Koleff May. Excused: Stacie Katsiabaros. Guest: Sgt Mark Weidner. Martina was welcomed as a new member.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes were approved with some changes.
3. **Report on Expenditures & Reimbursements:** There was \$1,207.80 in the budget as of 12/12/11 with an invoice of \$784.00 for flags and other small bills pending.
4. **HRC Award:** Paul got no nominations as yet. The due date for nominations is 4/20/12. Maria wondered if the available award time is too long, but the majority felt it is fine. The flyer for nominations will be updated and will be sent to the clergy, the Chamber of Commerce, the school newsletter, Mark will send it to the Village employees. Flyers will be distributed at the library, the park district office and Anjum will inform trustee Swanson to share this with other trustees.
5. **Flag Repairs and Purchases:** Mark informed us the flags were ordered and repaired, the Chaldean flag will be ordered as approved. The donations for purchasing flags may be raised to \$75.00, Mark will inform the committee of the average cost of a flag at the next meeting.
6. **Food Drive:** The Food Drive notice is in the current Connections. Rita, the lead person for the drive, will modify the flyer which will be distributed in February. Collection boxes will be in all locations, and in addition, suggested by Martina, there will be one in the Community Hall. If needed, we'll order additional posters for boxes. Publicity will be the same as for the awards. We'll collect food throughout the year in some places and there will be a flyer for that purpose. We may have a note on the July 4-th concert announcement re: the food drive and ask for canned food donations on that day.
7. **An HRC Kick-Off Event – Proposal:** The subject was tabled due to the absence of Stacie.
8. **Publicity Tasks:** Covered in items 4 and 6.
9. **Old Business:** Mark will update and send HRC by-laws to Martina. The Home & Garden show may not take place. Paul will re-do and send out the internal HRC directory. Anjum contacted the Chamber of Commerce regarding an event they may plan with us, received no answer as yet. Martina suggested that going to meetings of various groups (for example Commissions, Chamber of Commerce etc.) may be beneficial to HRC.

New Business: Martina reported on attending a Plan Commission meeting where the zoning code was discussed that pertains to group homes and accommodating the disabled and people in recovery. The Lincolnwood zoning law is outdated and group homes can't be operated here, even though an organization owns one, because of this outdated law. The Plan Commission will advise the trustees on updating the zoning. There are practical questions to be answered, as - limit of residents per home, their number and dispersal, who administers them, perhaps loss of revenue for the village. Other villages have updated laws and such homes have opened there. Lincolnwood, as is true of the other villages, can adjust the standards of scrutiny of these residences. Anjum proposed the HRC invite someone from other villages with this program to help us form an opinion and to present various sides of this matter. Jean thought meeting with mayor Turry might be informative, as well as with attorney Goldstein.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40. The next meeting is scheduled for 2/13/12.