

Lincolnwood Human Relations Commission
Monday, August 13, 2012
7:00 pm Lincolnwood Council Chambers

1. **Roll:** Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm. Present--Jean Ikezoe Halevi, Anna Pawlowski, Martina Keller, Paul Kramer, Mary Koleff-May, Anjum Ali, Rita Eng, Stacy Katsibaros, Sgt. Mark Weidner
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from July meeting were approved.
3. **Report on Expenditures and Reimbursements:** Mary did not have the report with her and will present it next month. A discussion on who has been reimbursed and who hasn't was held. Stacy was asked to provide a receipt for printing the Naturalization Cards.
4. **Food Drive:** Thank you letters have been sent out to the Niles Township Food Pantry, Lincolnwood schools, Lincolnwood Library and most of the banks. Mark will give Jean information on who to send letters to at three banks.
5. **July 4th letters:** Thank you letters have been sent to the owners of Lincolnwood Produce, as well as Manuel Castaneda, Director of Public Works, for his workers who did set up and break down of the concert with copies sent to Mayor Jerry Turry and Village Manager Tim Wiberg. Thank you letters also were sent to the students who marched in the Memorial Day concert with the HRC.
6. **Naturalization Ceremony Cards:** Stacy was asked to produce 6 more cards for Mr. McCrimmon and his four students who submitted drawings used on our cards. A card will be placed in our scrap book.
7. **Connections:** Jean will submit blurbs for Connections to Mark before the Sept. 15 deadline. Topics will include thanking village residents and businesses for participating in our food drive, the August flag display and donations for new flags and flag replacements, and asking residents if anyone would be interested in filling the vacant commission spot on the HRC.
8. **Buy a Brick:** The HRC brick has been placed and most of the HRC members have seen it..
9. **Library Program Food Drive:** Jean will contact Julie Anne Nitz-Weiss regarding if she needs help picking up donated food at the library. Rita and Mark volunteered to deliver it to the food pantry, if necessary.
10. **Diversity Month Flag Display:** Flags are out and displayed along Lincoln Avenue. Several flags need to be repaired or replaced. Mark will work on this.
11. **Village Training Session Review:** Mark reviewed the training requirements and we were told that it takes longer to complete than we were first told in the Village meeting. It was determined by the next session that all HRC commissioners will at least review the first part of the training. If they can complete it, they will provide Mark with their certificate at the next meeting.

12. **Library Display:** Discussion was held on what the theme for the HRC display should be. The first choice was musical instruments. All HRC members are to see what instruments they have at home that can be used in the display case and bring that information with them to the next meeting.

13. **Miniature Flag/Stand:** Mark said eight miniature flags will cost approximately \$40 and discussed making the base for the flags himself. He asked to purchase materials and the miniature flags. Approval was given for this, and Mark is authorized to spend up to \$125.

14. **Library Ethic Festival and Activity:** The fest will be held from noon until 4:00pm on Sunday, Nov. 4. Jean will bring a sign up sheet to the next meeting. There are one hour shifts at the HRC table and in the food room. All HRC members will participate for some part of the festival. Each member is to think of a game or activity idea to bring to the next meeting; previous games were discussed for new members.

15. **Meeting Schedule:** Members were asked to let Jean know if they will not be able to attend the next meeting. Everyone said they would be able to attend.

16. **Old Business:** Shore Galleries gun store and its request for variance at the last Village Trustee meeting was discussed.

17. **New Business:** a.) Passport to the World on 9/8 was discussed and whether or not members would be attending this event. b.) Jean asked if members would be able to participate hosting a naturalization ceremony in 2013, if the HRC was asked. Because this would be held during the day, and most HRC members work, it didn't look like there would be enough members attending to do this. Martina added that it is an assigned activity and very unlikely that Lincolnwood would be chosen again. c.) Anjum brought in a sheet of recent hate crimes against Muslims and Sikhs and wanted to write a letter to the editor regarding this. Jean will help her. d.) Martina will look into senior citizen information.

18. **Public Questions/Comments:** No public members were present.

Submitted by Jean Ikezoe-Halevi

Next meeting: September 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.