

Lincolnwood Human Relations Commission Meeting  
Monday, January 14, 2013  
7:00 PM Lincolnwood Council Chambers  
Minutes Prepared by Martina Keller

- 1. Role Call:** Meeting called to order at 7:12 pm. Present – Jean Ikezoe Halevi, Martina Keller, Paul Kramer, Sgt. Mark Weidner, Mary Koleff-May, Anjum Ali, Stacy Katsibaros, Anna Pawlowski. and Rebecca Kohn. Rita Eng was excused.
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the December meeting were approved.
- 3. Report on Expenditures & Reimbursements:** Balance is \$1,319.54. Jean and Anna submitted receipts for reimbursements.
- 4. Diversity Month Flag Display:** Discussion about what flags should be added to the collection directly from the HRC budget. Martina reported that three nations represented among the residents of Lincolnwood but for which no flags were on display are Vietnam, Colombia and Iran. In addition, Martina pointed out that flags for France and Brazil were not in the collection. Jean asked Mark to look into the cost for purchasing the flags of Vietnam, Colombia, Iran and France.
- 5. Connections Blurbs:** Jean will ask that the following HRC items be included in the April issue: a reminder for the HRC food drive, a request for nominations for the annual HRC award, and an invitation to donate money for flags.
- 6. Village Training Session Review:** All members of the HRC have completed the mandatory training pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act and are now certified.
- 7. Misericordia Open House:** Jean spoke with Mary Pat O'Brien from Misericordia. The CILA open house is not likely to be scheduled until Fall. Ms. O'Brien would like to meet with the HRC members in the coming months. Jean suggested that she come to the May HRC meeting. In response to an inadvertent posting in the village newsletter regarding the Misericordia open house, Jean received 24 e-mails from village residents expressing an interest in attending the open house.
- 8. Open Communities:** Discussion on whether HRC should join Open Communities as a municipal commission for an annual fee. Mark reiterated that he is on the mailing list of Open Communities and therefore has access to information the group is disseminating. He will continue to forward those e-mails to HRC members as he receives them. Each member of the HRC was polled as to whether it made sense to pay the fee and formally

become members. The majority did not think that becoming a member was necessary or even particularly beneficial to the mission and purpose of the HRC. As this issue originated from a discussion between Jean and Mayor Turry, Jean will follow up with the mayor to see if his intention was for the HRC to join the organization as a representatives of Lincolnwood.

**9. 10<sup>th</sup> Annual HRC Award – Rewrite:** The form has been advised. Mary will send an electronic version of the revised form to Mark to post on the website. Mark will make sure that all of the village trustees and trustee candidates receive a copy of the new form. Next month a committee will be selected to oversee the award nomination process. Each member of the HRC should start thinking about potential nominees.

**10. Food Drive Boxes:** The HRC food drive will begin on March 1, 2013 through April 15. Mark has not had a chance to speak with the Lincolnwood Town Mall manager about having a box located somewhere in the mall. Anjum suggested that perhaps all we need at the mall is a sign advertising the food drive in other locations. Discussed whether a box should be placed at Lincolnwood Produce. Stacy knows the owner and will speak with him.

**11. 2013-14 Slate for HRC Leadership:** Jean emphasized that every member of the HRC is qualified to serve as an officer. The selection of next term's leadership is quickly approaching. There will be a two person committee to select the slate.

**12. 2012-2013 Meeting Schedule:** The next meeting will be held on February 11, 2013. Due to a scheduling conflict, the meeting will be held in the Fire Department Training Center. Members are advised to park in the other parking lot. Contact Mark by cell phone if the door is locked.

**13. Old Business:** Paul has not yet gotten around to updating telephone list. Mark thought it would be helpful if Jean sent a reminder e-mail on action items. All members agreed.

**14. New Business:** none.

**15. Public Questions or Comments:** none.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2013 at 7:00 pm in the Fire Department Training Center.