

Lincolnwood Human Relations Commission Meeting
Monday, March 11, 2013
7:00 pm Lincolnwood Council Chambers

1. **Roll call:** Present: Sgt. Mark Weidner, Anjum Ali, Jean Ikezoe-Halevi, Anna Pawlowski, Rita Eng, Paul Kramer, Mary Koleff-May, Rachel Kohn. Excused: Martina Keller. Absent: Stacy Katsibaros.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Correction to April's minutes was that Anna was excused. Minutes will be corrected to reflect this. Motion to accept the minutes with this correction approved.
3. **Report on Expenditures & Reimbursements:** No changes from last month. Next month deductions will be made due to flag and flagpole purchases including 4 gross small American flags.
4. **Diversity Month Flag Display:** Mark reported that France, Iran, Vietnam, Jamaica and Bangladesh were newly purchased for a total of 60 foreign flags. The website list has already been updated. Repairs to worn flags will be made after May 1st. Mark is trying to get a free replacement for the Switzerland flag because damage to the flag appears to be due to the workmanship.
5. **Connections:** Jean submitted 4 items to announce in *Connections*: the Independence Day concert, the HRC award, a call for donations towards new flags and a thank you to Lincolnwood for supporting the food drive.
6. **Misericordia Open House:** Two guests will be coming in May to address our commission and talk about the CILA open house event. Though not scheduled yet, 23 people have shown interest in attending.
7. **Open Communities (OC) membership:** Jean talked to Mayor Turry about the village covering the cost of being a member of this organization. The decision to join OC was tabled pending Martina gathering more information on the terms of membership and Paul investigating another HRC's experience as a member.
8. **Food Drive:** Mark reported that all the boxes have been placed with posters. More posters and flyers were printed to post around town. Rita will make "Do not Discard" stickers to apply to the back of the posters.
9. **10th Annual HRC Award:** Paul reported that as of now there are no nominations. Commissioners were encouraged to publicize more actively. Paul will resend the nomination form as an email attachment for us to forward to potential nominators. He and the subcommittee will also start inviting the past winners to the June award presentation.
10. **2013-2014 Slate for HRC leadership:** Jean will chair the sub-committee and Anjum and Anna will assist. They will propose a slate of officers at the next meeting.
11. **Old Business:** The Commissioners were reminded again not to send group emails to the entire group so as not to risk "Open Meetings" rules violations. This was included HRC and non-HRC business.
12. **New Business:** Seeds and HRC pencils are already purchased along with small flags for the Memorial Day parade.
13. **Public Questions or Comments:** none

Adjournment was at 7:44 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday April 8, 2013

Respectfully submitted by A. Ali