

Lincolnwood Human Relations Commission Meeting  
Monday, April 8, 2013  
7:00 PM Lincolnwood Council Chambers  
Minutes Prepared by Martina Keller

- 1. Roll Call:** Present – Jean Ikezoe Halevi, Martina Keller, Mary Koleff-May, Anjum Ali, Rita Eng, Stacy Katsibaros and Anna Pawlowski. Police Chief Robert LaMantia was present in lieu of Sgt. Mark Weidner. Rebecca Kohn and Paul Kramer were excused. Jean thinks Rebecca may have had her baby this week.
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the January meeting were approved.
- 3. Report on Expenditures & Reimbursements:** Balance is \$284.12. Chief LaMantia confirmed that the HRC budget for next year is \$1,800, which is the same as last year.
- 4. Diversity Month Flag Display:** The flag of Switzerland was replaced at no charge.
- 5. Misericordia Open House:** We are expecting two guests from Misericordia to make a presentation at next month's HRC meeting. We will allow them 10 minutes to make a presentation and then answer any questions about the new CILA in Lincolnwood. **Action Item: Members are encouraged to think of questions for our guests.**
- 6. Open Communities:** Martina reported that she spoke with the Executive Director of Open Communities, Gail Schecter, to clarify the benefits and responsibilities of institutional membership. Ms. Schecter confirmed that the \$100 fee is in fact an annual fee, that no significant responsibilities are intended with joining and that the most important benefit to membership is having our organization publicly listed as a member, which in turn demonstrates that our community supports the principles of fair housing. Members agreed that there would be no detrimental consequences in joining – other than the \$100 annual expenditure. Chief LaMantia suggested that the HRC submit the membership fee to the Village Board as a budget item, so that the Board can provide substantive input on the issue. **Action Item: Martina will look into getting an application for membership and finding out if there is a specific enrollment date.**
- 7. Food Drive:** The HRC food drive began on March 1, 2013 and will end on April 15. Chief LaMantia reported that Mark picked up 10 bags from Liberty Bank, 1 bag from Village Hall, 3 bags from Republic Bank, and 4 bags from MB Financial. Rita picked up 5 bags from the library. Martina picked up 4 bags from the Lincolnwood Schools. Stacie picked up 6 bags and 1 box at Lincolnwood Produce. The community service officer will be picking up the

boxes on April 16. **Action Item: members should pick up the last of the food donations at each of his or her assigned location on April 15.** The Village Hall and Police Department boxes will remain indefinitely for ongoing food donations.

8. **10<sup>th</sup> Annual HRC Award:** No nominations from the general public have been received to date. Jean asked that members think of suitable nominees. Chief LaMantia suggested reaching out to the Board of Trustees for their suggestions and to consider the results of the upcoming elections in considering nominations. Several names were discussed for potential nomination. Members should send nominations to Paul and/or Mark for consideration by the HRC Award Nomination Committee. The award will be given at the June Village Board meeting, so plans will have to be made in the coming months. As it is the 10<sup>th</sup> annual award, the HRC Award Nomination Committee will invite all the past recipients to attend the ceremony.
9. **2013-14 Slate for HRC Leadership:** After conferring with all members, the 2013-14 Slate Committee proposed the following slate of officers:

Chair – Martina Keller  
Vice Chair – Mary Koleff-May  
Secretary – Anjum Ali

The slate was accepted by unanimous vote. Members acknowledged that the treasurer function is not required in the by-laws. Members agreed that since Mark has the administrative role in handling all financial matters for the HRC, he can give the equivalent of a Treasurer's Report at future meetings.

10. **Old Business:** Rita had labels printed for the backs of our new food drive posters. Chief LaMantia confirmed that sometimes the donation boxes get inadvertently recycled.
11. **New Business:** For the next *Connections* issue we should include an announcement of our 4<sup>th</sup> of July Concert, an announcement of our HRC Award winners and a mention that it is our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Award.
12. **Public Questions or Comments:** none.

As outgoing chair, Jean thanked everyone for a good year. Members thanked Jean for her service as chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2013 at 7:00 pm in the Village Hall Chambers.