

Lincolnwood Human Relations Commission Meeting  
Monday, July 8, 2013  
7:00 PM Lincolnwood Council Chambers

- I. **Roll Call:** Present: Jean Ikezoe Halevi, Martina Keller, Mary Koleff-May, Anjum Ali, Anna Pawlowski, Paul Kramer Stacy Katsibaros, and Rita Eng. Excused: Rebecca Kohn. Liaisons: Officer Sandra Martin.
- II. **Police Dept. Liaison:** Officer Martin sat in on the meeting in place of Sgt. Weidner. Sgt. Weidner has taken a new position and therefore can no longer serve as our liaison. The members discussed it and asked Officer Martin to relay to Chief La Mantia that, if there was any way possible, we would like to continue working with Sgt. Weidner.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the June meeting were approved.
- IV. **Report on Expenditures & Reimbursements:** We did not get a current report. Jean and Rita have expenses they would like to submit for reimbursement. A new protocol has not been established. Officer Martin took the reimbursement requests and receipts and will follow-up on them.
- V. **Summer Events:** 1) Regarding the Independence Day concert, it was estimated that 125 people attended and the event went well. Mary put together a master list of everything that needs to be done for this event in the future. Stacy suggested that we have a live singer to sing the National Anthem. Martina will talk to music teacher, Mr. Kikoan, at Lincoln Hall for suggestions. 2) Regarding Food Drive thank you letters, Martina has received the full contact information of the participants and will prepare them. She will send all the content to Mary Liss to put on village stationery and send out.
- VI. **Fall Events/Meetings:** Regarding the October Library Display case, hats and headwear were confirmed as the items we will display. Everyone is asked to inventory what headwear they have to lend to the display by next meeting. Also everyone was asked if they had head shaped forms also. Martina will coordinate this event.
- VII. **Diversity Month Flag Display:** Officer Martin reported that Mark will still arrange for Public Works to put the flags up by August 1<sup>st</sup>. She did not know whether all the flags had been purchased or repaired. She will get a report on this from Mark and let us know. // It was suggested that we update the flag donation form with the current flag list and also we include a date on the form so we can track when the form becomes out of date. // She also reported that a request and donation has come for a Palestinian flag. It was decided that since we were allowing ethnicities to be represented as well as countries, we would include this flag for next year. // Martina will remind Mayor Turry to proclaim August as "Lincolnwood Celebrates Diversity" month.
- VIII. **Old Business:** Jean is submitting announcements for the next issue of *Connections* and she will also send a short press release about the flag display to Pioneer Press.
- IX. **New Business:** We began a discussion on what type of acknowledgement the Commission would give to Sgt. Weidner and when this should take place. It was expected that he will be recognized at a village board meeting and that might be an appropriate time. It was also suggested that a letter be sent to Chief La Mantia about Mark's service. Martina will initiate a conversation with the Chief. Issue is tabled until more information is received. // Stacy asked if we should do an event or any type of outreach for the new school year. It was discussed that maybe we can have a table set up at the various school orientation nights in order to bring awareness of the LHRC. Stacy will look into this and report back.
- X. **Public Questions or Comments:** none.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Next meeting: August 12, 2013 at 7:00 pm in the Village Hall Chambers.