

Village of Lincolnwood  
Lincolnwood Human Relations Commission Meeting  
Monday, December 9, 2013  
7:00 PM Lincolnwood Police Training Room

- I. Roll Call:** Present: Martina Keller, Paul Kramer, Anna Pawlowski, Anjum Ali, Rita Eng, Stacy Katsibaros and Mary Koleff-May. Not Present: Rebecca Kohn (Excused). Liaisons: Sgt. Larry Martin. Guests: Julie Anne Nitz-Weiss.
- II. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the November meeting were approved.
- III. Commission Opening:** Jean Ikezoe-Halevi has resigned from the commission. She would like to continue to serve the village in another capacity. The commissioners are asked to suggest names for HRC candidates.
- IV. Report on Expenditures & Reimbursements:** Rebecca reported there was no activity last month.
- V. Website Issues/Launching HRC Award Nomination Period:** Martina reported that an announcement for the HRC Award is supposed to be up on the website and it should be in *Connections* also. She was informed by the village that our webpage was wiped out because the village website has been redesigned to be more user-friendly. We agreed that the HRC Award announcement should appear on the “current events” list on the village homepage because it will have more visibility and it is a village announcement. The form with the details about how to nominate someone could be linked to our HRC page. Martina will follow-up.
- VI. Peter Moy Request for Philippines Disaster Relief Assistance:** Anjum read an email from Lincolnwood resident and former trustee and mayor, Peter Moy, suggesting that the HRC make some gesture to show our sympathy and support for those that were affected by Super Typhoon Haiyan in early November. Given that many Lincolnwood residents are Pilipino and might have been personally touched by the event, Mr. Moy suggested we should consider hosting a fundraiser or cultural appreciation event. A discussion ensued about how we could do something sincere and meaningful, that is within the scope of our mission, but that is also on a scale that is within our budget and manpower resources because, in reality, there will continue to be disasters all over the world. With Lincolnwood’s great diversity, there will probably be other residents affected by disaster in any given year. Some suggestions included a letter in *Connections* and maybe the local papers and/or dedicating a song to our Pilipino neighbors at the Independence Day concert. A motion was made and passed to write a statement of encouragement that also offers information on where to donate for relief and rebuilding efforts and to publish this statement in *Connections* and post on Channel 6. We can also write a “Letter to the Editor” for the *Lincolnwood Review*. Martina will take care of this.
- VII. HRC Materials Distribution:** Martina and Stacy attend Lincoln Hall Middle School’s Multicultural Concert on Nov. 12. Stacy distributed about 150 HRC brochures and there was good dialogue with parents.
- VIII. 2014 Officer Positions:** Martina encouraged commissioners to begin considering holding an office next year.
- IX. Old Business:** None.
- X. New Business:** 1) Anjum shared an announcement from the newspaper that Cook County is seeking community input on its readiness to handle a local disaster or serious event. Two meetings are scheduled and a survey is online. 2) Paul reported that the Deerfield Human Relations Commission has hired an intern to work with and learn from them. It is something we may consider.
- XI. Public Questions or Comments:** None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Next meeting: January 13, 2013 at 7:00 pm in the Village Hall Chambers.

*Minutes Prepared by A. Ali*