



**Village of Lincolnwood
Human Relations Commission Meeting
Monday February 9, 2015
7:00 P.M. Police/Fire Training Room**

I. Roll Call:

Present: Rita, Paul, Stacy, Mary, Anna and Talin were present. Lt. Larry Martin was also present.
Absent: Rebecca Kohn

II. Approval of Minutes:

Anna moved to accept the minutes from the December meeting.
Paul seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

At this time, Paul moved that the Public Forum agenda item be moved to item number three to accommodate guest speakers. Motion was seconded by Mary.

III. Public Forum:

- a. Vikki Rifkin is director of Fair Housing of Open Communities located in Wilmette. They deal with affordable and fair housing issues. She was accompanied by Tim, who is a Housing Counselor with the same organization. They introduced the 2015 Justice Project. The goal is to create a checklist of what it means to be an open and welcoming community. They furnished to members of the HRC the "welcoming community checklist." They are having two large events: 1 on July 26, 2015 on Winnetka Green and then a fall conference. They asked for our participation. Tim explained their free services to assist homeowners who are struggling to make their payments. They also asked for us to promote their services through word of mouth.
- b. Ray Grossman, a resident of Lincolnwood, then spoke. He requested HRC's assistance to find more manpower for the monthly food drive. The food drive usually takes place from April to November and is one full day per month from 9 am to 3:30 pm. He suggests that Lincolnwood school students get involved to volunteer and asked for our help in coordinating this. It was communicated to Mr. Grossman that the HRC would do what they can to assist.
 - i. Rebecca sent an email and it will go on the screen in the village office.

- ii. Larry will make arrangements to get the boxes disseminated.
- iii. Mark Weidner will ensure the boxes are placed in the various locations.

IV. Review of Budget/Expenditures Report:

A budget report was tabled until the next meeting because we have nothing new to discuss.

V. Old Business:

- a. Library Display: Talin
The library display is scheduled to be installed on Feb 18th at Noon.
- b. Internship Review: Rebecca
This topic is going to be tabled until next month's meeting, because Rebecca is not here to report. Mayor Turry wants us to reach out to the schools before they close for the summer so that we engage interns during the summer months, and carry over their internships into the school year.
- c. CAP Program: Stacy
We need to first decide what languages are the most needed for us to translate. Larry accessed some local census information online and upon review, it was determined that we should translate the material into 5 languages: Arabic, Romanian, Russian, Urdu and Korean.

VI. New Business:

- a. Internship and Flag Policy for Approval – Presentation to Village Board:
Stacy and Mary resubmitted the policy they drafted which had already been reviewed. Several edits were made which required approval. Talin and Larry also submitted proposed versions of the flag policy. It was proposed that we write a new policy that incorporates the best parts of each of the three policies proposed. Several portions of the policy were voted on as to which version to use.

Mary and Stacy pointed out that their version of the policy had already been voted on and approved by the HRC.

Talin moved to reopen the conversation to choose the best policy. Paul seconded. A discussion further ensued as to what language to use in the policy.

Stacy tabled the discussion of the flag policy in the interest of time. An additional meeting will be scheduled in two weeks' time to come to a final decision regarding the flag policy.

- b. Upcoming HRC events:
No Report
- c. Nomination for HRC Award - Discussion of application
Rita asked that the Village Board be informed of the nominations for the HRC Award to help spread the word. Rebecca has already arranged to have the information posted in the Connections Newsletter regarding HRC Award nominations.
- d. Posting for next Connection:
No report
- e. Nomination Committee:
We need a nomination committee. Rebecca had expressed her interest earlier. Rita expressed her interest as well. It was decided that the nomination committee would be comprised of Rebecca and Rita.
- f. Armenian Genocide Event:
Talin presented an idea for screening of a documentary film about Armenian genocide and a short talk to be held in the Skokie Library. She requested that the HRC be one of the named sponsors of the event. Mary requested that the matter be tabled until the next meeting so members can have more time to research the event.

VII. Report from HRC Liaison: Lt. Martin
No report

VIII. Adjournment

Rita moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Anna. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.