



Village of Lincolnwood
Human Relations Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 9, 2015, 7:00 PM
Village Hall Council Chambers
6900 N. Lincoln Ave.
Lincolnwood, IL 60712

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

II. Roll Call

Present: Stacy Katsibaros, Mary Koleff-May, Paul Kramer, Anna Pawlowski, Rita Eng and Talin Hitik were present. Lt. Larry Martin, Chief LaMantia and Mayor Turry were also present.

III. Approval of Minutes

Commissioners reviewed the minutes from the February 9, 2015 meeting. Several corrections were suggested. Paul moved to accept the February minutes (with revisions), Rita 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. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Public Forum

No discussion

V. Approval of the Agenda – this item was skipped.

VI. Review of the Budget

Paul indicated there was nothing new to report.

VII. Old Business

a. Library Display:

Talin reported that she and Anna installed the library display on February 18th and it was a success. The library plans to keep the material and put the display up again later in the year.

b. Internship Review:

Stacy received an email from Rebecca regarding the proposed internship policy. She will send a copy to everyone to review and make changes if necessary before our next meeting.

c. CAP Program: Item tabled until the next meeting.

d. Flag Policy:

Chief LaMantia presented the flag application and flag program policy, as drafted by the village attorney.

Talin edited the flag application & submitted to HRC via email prior to meeting. Her amended copy was submitted by Chief LaMantia for approval.

Chief LaMantia mentioned that in order to avoid further conflict, we need to make sure that it is mentioned that all current flags are grandfathered in. All members of the HRC agreed that grandfathering language needed to be included. The chief said that it will be amended to include this language.

Further proposed amendments: use of one font, eliminating italics at the top of the application, add date to "approved" line on application. The flag policy and program were both approved as amended unanimously.

e. Food Pantry: Anjum, former HRC member, volunteered to organize the volunteers for the food pantry. All HRC members agreed that it is a good idea. Stacy said that she will follow up with Anjum.

VIII. New Business

a. Application for HRC Awards: Tabled

b. Upcoming HRC Events: Tabled

- c. Nomination for HRC Award: Paul, Stacy and Mary will meet to discuss this item. We still need a nomination for the award.
- d. Village's Connections Newsletter: Rebecca, who handles our submissions, is not here. The next submission should include the nomination for the HRC award.
- e. Nomination Committee for the Board: Mary, Rita and Anna will schedule a time to meet and provide an update at our next meeting.
- f. Memorial Day Committee: A member is needed to chair this event. Do we have anyone's contact information for the woman from the Memorial Day Parade? Mayor Turry mentioned that her name was Daisy. Mary will follow up with Daisy.
- g. Fourth of July Event: Paul will look for inventory from last year and will report back next month.
- h. Genocide Commemoration Event: Talin moved to host this event that will take place at the Skokie Public Library. Anna seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Talin will set a date for the event and report back to the commission.
- i. Attendance Requirements: The Chief advised that attendance is required at the meetings. The Commission is free to start the meeting at 7:30 if it's easier; however, members need to be present and on time. There is no such thing as excused absences. It is general policy that more than three consecutive absences warrant dismissal from a commission. It is not suggested that we follow this to the letter, but it should be known.

IX. Report from HRC Liaison: Lt. Larry Martin

Lt. Martin reported that the food collection boxes were delivered by Community Service Officer Weidner.

Sue Bochenski, Lincolnwood Library, is looking forward to partnering with the HRC.

X. Adjournment

- a. Paul moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Anna. The meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 13, 2015.