



**Village of Lincolnwood
Human Relations Commission Meeting
Monday, April 20, 2015 at 8:00 PM
Village Hall, Council Chambers**

I. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 8:03pm. Talin Hitik, Anna Pawlowski, Rebecca Kohn, Paul Kramer, Stacy Katsibaros, Mary Koleff-May, Rita Eng and Lt. Larry Martin. Lincolnwood Police Chief Robert LaMantia was also present.

II. Approval of Minutes

A few minor amendments were suggested. Mary Koleff-May moved to approve the March minutes as amended, Paul Kramer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Old Business

a. Flag Policy moved to item III(a) by Stacy Katsibaros.

- i. Chief LaMantia informed the commission that the Village's street light program is scheduled to have the street lights on Lincoln Ave to be put up from June through September 2015. The program may still have to be suspended for 2015. The Director of Public Works says its going to be almost impossible in terms of logistics
- ii. Mary Koleff-May and Stacy Katsibaros discussed the Village Board of Trustees meeting regarding the flag policy.
- iii. Mayor Turry spoke to shed further light on the past Village Board of Trustees meeting. He relayed the concerns of Trustees Elster and Cope said that the flag policy would not achieve the goals of diversity month or of the Village itself and urged that it be disbanded.

b. Public Forum

- i. Diane Dubey. She would like to see something focused on unity, on coming together. I hate to see people tearing at each other, so it would be great to avoid it.
- ii. Harry Friedman. Read many sentences from HRC brochure. Says that the Palestinian flag represents Hamas.
- iii. Rose Ann Cope. Asks us to fly only American flags.
- iv. Renan Sugarman. Purpose of the commission was that it was intended to make people comfortable, and the flags make a lot of people uncomfortable.

c. Mary Koleff-May moved to suspend commemoration of diversity month for 2015. Rita Eng seconded. The motion passed.

- i. Rebecca Kohn moved to table the discussion of possible diversity activities for the 2016 year to next month's meeting. Paul Kramer seconded. The motion passed.

d. Budget.

- i. Paul Kramer reported that we have \$1,516.86 is our current total.

- ii. Rebecca Kohn moved that we order two gross of the small American flags and two gross HRC pens. Anna Pawlowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Chief LaMantia indicated that he would order these items.
- e. Memorial Day Parade
- f. Food Pantry
 - i. The program was a success. Officer Weidner was acknowledged for his wonderful efforts.
- g. Internship Program
 - i. Paul Kramer moved to table the internship program to next month's meeting. Rebecca Kohn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- h. Cab Program List and Chair
 - i. The information regarding the program needs to be translated. The only community that returned Stacy Katsibaros' request for contact was a Korean church.
 - ii. Rebecca Kohn will put on the website that we need translators.
- i. HRC Award
 - i. The HRC Committee will meet before next month's meeting.
- j. Nomination Committee
 - i. Mary Koleff-May moved to table this to the next month's meeting. Rebecca seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The Nomination Committee, consisting of Mary, Stacy and Paul, indicated that they would meet as a group again before next month's meeting.

IV. New Business

- a. Village Clerk Beryl Herman told the Commission that there was a meeting of a Multi Cultural Task Force, which she has formed. The task force is planning to host an event revolving around ethnic food and will also have entertainment. There are also gender-only pool nights planned for the summer, and a children's soccer league.
- b. It was discussed that the HRC would co-host the ethnic food event with the task force.
- c. The agenda of next month's meeting will include discussion of a joint event with the Multi-Cultural Task Force.

V. Public Forum

- a. The public forum was moved to III(b) above.

VI. Good of the Order

- a. Rita Eng said that this is going to be her last meeting. She decided to not renew her position. The members of the commission thanked her for her service.
- b. Paul Kramer said that he called Ray Grossman regarding the food drive. He said that they will send a schedule to Paul for the food drive.

VII. Staff Report

- a. No Report

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Rita Eng moved to adjourn the meeting. Paul Kramer seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:24pm.