



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, VILLAGE OF LINCOLNWOOD
6900 N. Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, IL 60712

Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 3, 2017
Village Hall Council Chambers
6900 N. Lincoln Avenue
Lincolnwood, IL 60712

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Kohn called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

II. Roll Call

Present: Rebecca Kohn, Paul Kramer, Mary Koleff-May, Karen Holmes,
Myra Foutris, Carol Orah, and Lieutenant Lawrence Martin

Excused: Mario Rizzotti

III. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Kramer moved to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2017 Human Relations Commission meeting. Commissioner Holmes seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Old Business

a. Human Relations Commission Award

Commissioners noted that Village Staff could not nominate a person, and if a Village of Lincolnwood employee was nominated, they would not be able to accept a gift; a plaque would be acceptable. As of this date, no applications have been received.

b. Niles Township Food Drive

Commissioners were asked to check their assigned food boxes. The boxes will be collected by Community Service Officer Mark Weidner after April 15, 2017.

c. Village of Skokie Welcoming City Ordinance

Commissioners reviewed and briefly discussed the Village of Skokie Welcoming City Ordinance. Commissioner Kohn invited the public to speak.

1. An individual who identified herself as a representative of the Multi-Cultural Task Force stated she strongly supports the Village of Lincolnwood adopting a similar ordinance.

2. Another person identified herself as a representative of the Indivisible Lincolnwood organization. She supports the Village of Lincolnwood becoming either a Welcoming, or Sanctuary city.
3. A woman who identified herself as a Lincolnwood resident appreciates the diversity of this community and would like the Village of Lincolnwood to mirror the Village of Skokie Ordinance.
4. One last person who identified herself as a resident spoke, stating that when she drives through Skokie and sees the welcoming signs on lawns, she feels touched and asked that Lincolnwood provide the same signs to make people feel welcome.

After discussion, Commissioner Foutris motioned to table the issue, and Commissioner Orah seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

- d. Village of Streamwood Community Relations Commission Art Around the World Event, April 22, 2017

Commissioner Kohn will contact the organizer to gather ideas for a future Lincolnwood event.

- e. 2017 Cultural Diversity Events

1. The Diversity Month Celebration will be held on August 6, 2017 at 3:00 PM in the Community Center.
2. The next Coffee with the Clergy event will be held on April 25, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers. All are invited and encouraged to bring at least one guest.

- f. Neighborhood Watch Program

Residents may contact Sergeant Travis Raypole at TRaypole@lwd.org for information on how to begin a program.

V. New Business

- a. Memorial Day Parade – Commissioner Kohn is in possession of three gross of small American Flags. Commissioners were encouraged to wear their HRC shirts.
- b. Concert in the Park – July 4th at 10:30 AM in the Henry A Proesel Park Picnic Shelter. Lieutenant Martin will coordinate with Carol Janossy.

VI. Public Forum

Beryl Herman would like to discuss the Village of Skokie Welcoming Community Ordinance with the HRC at a future date.

VII. Good of the Order

Commissioner Koleff-May reminded the Commission that a Chairperson should be nominated at the next meeting.

VIII. Staff Report

Lieutenant Martin encouraged all Commissioners to attend the Coffee with the Clerics, and the Village of Streamwood Community Relations Commission Art Around the World Event.

IX. Adjournment

Commissioner Orahia made a motion to adjourn at 8:01 PM. Commissioner Foutris seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Holmes
Commissioner