



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

Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 12, 2017
Village Hall Council Chambers
6900 N. Lincoln Avenue
Lincolnwood, IL 60712

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Kohn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present

Rebecca Kohn

Paul Kramer

Mario Rizzotti

Jean Halevi, Board Liaison (Rev. 7-6-17)

Robert LaMantia, Chief of Police

Absent

Mary Koleff-May

Carol Orah

Karen Holmes

III. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Kohn moved to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2017 Human Relations Commission meeting. Commissioner Kramer seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Old Business

a. Human Relations Commission Award

To date, the Commission has not received any nominations.

b. Niles Township Food Drive

The Commission discussed the food drive.

c. Welcoming City Resolution or Ordinance

The Commission reviewed the concept of a Welcoming City Resolution or Ordinance and accepted comments from the public. The following is a summary and not verbatim.

Mr. Raymon Grossman encouraged the HRC to recommend the Village Board move forward on a Welcoming City Ordinance.

Ms. Judy Abelson inquired about attendance requirements and asked how things could get done without a full Commission.

Commissioner Rizzotti said he feels welcome in Lincolnwood.

Mr. Grossman said immigration laws can be changed and it's important to make a statement.

Chair Kohn agreed with Mr. Grossman's statement.

Ms. Leah Brennan said she is here to recommend the Village Board approve such an Ordinance and reinforce what the Village stands for.

Ms. Beryl Herman said we need to say we welcome people to Lincolnwood.

Chair Kohn said an Ordinance codifies what we already do and will benefit people we never see.

Ms. Brennan said she agreed with the previous comments and supports the community.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Rizzotti moved to recommend the concept of a Welcoming City Resolution or Ordinance. Commissioner Kramer seconded. The motion was approved.

d. 2017 Cultural Diversity Events

The Commission discussed an Art Exposition with food trucks in the Promenade on September 9, 2017.

e. Neighborhood Watch Program

No report

f. Memorial Day Parade

The Commission discussed its recent participation in the Memorial Day Parade.

g. Independence Day Concert in the Park

The Commission discussed the logistics of setting up for the event. Commissioner Kramer will take the lead.

V. New Business

a. Election of the Chair

Commissioner Kramer moved to table the election. Commissioner Rizzotti seconded.

The motion was approved.

VI. Public Forum

Ms. Beryl Herman commented on the HRC Person of the Year Award.

VII. Good of the Order

None

VIII. Staff Report

Chief LaMantia reviewed attendance, punctuality, advisory recommendations, participation, and dress code requirements.

IX. Adjournment

Commissioner Rizzotti made a motion to adjourn at 8:09 PM. Commissioner Kramer seconded. The motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert LaMantia". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert LaMantia
Chief of Police