1. Call to Order

Commissioner Terlizzi called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

2. Roll Call

Present
Commissioner Jennifer Costantino
Commissioner Wynne Terlizzi
Commissioner Mario Rizzotti
Commissioner Chris Barnabas

Absent
Commissioner Sheryl Rae Ghezzi
Commissioner Mary Athans
Commissioner Amina Elmahdy

In Attendance
Jean Ikezoe-Halevi, Trustee Liaison
Sergeant Laura Namovicz

3. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Costantino motioned to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2019 Human Relations Commission meeting. Commissioner Rizzotti seconded; the motion was unanimously approved.

4. Old Business

a. Unity Garden

This item will be removed from the agenda until such time as we have progress with the plan.
b. Diabetes Awareness Update

The event was held on Saturday, July 13, 2019. This being the first event, there were a fair amount of people in attendance. There appeared to be more non-residents than residents. AMITA Health made a very nice presentation. Mayor Bass was also in attendance and spoke at the event. Photos were taken at the event but there was a question as to whether those photos could be used to promote future events, etc.

It was noted that a future event could possibly be held at the Lincolnwood Town Center. The Lion’s Club will contact the HRC with a future date so we can assist with the planning.

c. Coming Together Program

Ms. Beth Linley from Skokie Human Services and Ms. Maria Monastero-Bueno from the Skokie Human Relations Commission were in attendance to discuss the Coming Together Project. Coming Together is a unique project initiated approximately ten years ago with the goal of celebrating and presenting in depth information on the cultures present in their community.

Each culture is studied for approximately six to eight weeks and is guided by what representative of that culture wish to present. Many different events take place, i.e. book clubs for different ages, table discussions, dance, food, personal experiences. The events are always free.

Ms. Linley and Monastero-Bueno would like to partner with all of the Human Relations Commission in the Niles Township district, i.e., Niles, Lincolnwood, Skokie and Morton Grove. Their goal is to schedule a meeting with all of the commissions to discuss what should be included in the project as well as brain storm on additional ideas to promote the diverse cultures in our community. They would like the community members to tell their story (maximum five minutes). They are asking for a commitment from the Lincolnwood Human Relations Commission to support and participate in this project.

The next Coming Together project will take place from January 26, 2020 thru approximately March 30, 2020. This year’s program theme is Journeys to Niles Township.

5. New Business

a. Iron Chief’s Event

Members noted that they would like to start planning the event for 2020. A commission member will contact both the Police and Fire Chiefs to confirm their intent to participate in the event. Members discussed as to whether the event needs to be moved to a different venue as it has outgrown the current location. Discussion regarding a change of venue.

b. Holiday Basket

Item will be discussed at September’s meeting.
6. Public Forum
   None

7. Good of the Order
   None

8. Staff Report
   None

9. Adjournment

   Commissioner Terlizzi made a motion to adjourn at 7:51 PM. Commissioner Rizzotti seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Chris Barnabas