

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
April 17, 2013 – 7:00 PM
VILLAGE HALL – ROOM 201**

PRESENT: Commissioners Brad Foreman, Pat Michalski, Frank Vozak, Tom Zapler, Yvonne Benson, Serena Brewer

ABSENT: Swati Saxena

STAFF: Cedric Melton

CALL TO ORDER: 7:10PM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Commissioner Michalski motioned for agenda approval with Commissioner Vozak providing a second.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Vozak motioned for acceptance of January minutes with Commissioner Foreman providing a second. All were in favor.

PUBLIC FORUM: Elmhurst College grad student Hussein Choyta (sp) was introduced to the group and it was noted that he will be working with the CRC to develop a survey questionnaire to gauge Diversity Dinner participant's opinion of the effectiveness of the dinner project. Tremaine Williams was in the audience to observe the proceedings as he is interested in serving on the commission and has submitted required application for consideration of the CRC for membership.

Discussion of Dinners Project: Discussion was held regarding a refocus on the dinner project and processes. The group agreed that the next dinner would be held on May 22nd with Yvonne Benson serving as facilitator. Mr. Zapler and the intern will serve as observers. Mr. Melton will forward potential host contact info to Mr. Vozak for follow-up. Mr. Melton will coordinate food arrangements as usual.

Work Plan Assignments: Discussion was held regarding the assignments of lead persons to head up remaining work plan tasks. The group agreed that Serena Brewer will work on the Middle School Awards, Ms. Benson will serve as lead on the collaborative between CRC and Housing Programs Advisory Commission. Mrs. Michalski will head up the group fact finding assignment.

Discussion of parade: Discussion was held about the logistics of the parade. Many tasks are required to pull off the parade. Brad Foreman discussed his work to date on the event and discussed the need for volunteers. Mr. Zapler agreed to reach out to Jesse White as a potential participant as well as community service programs for possible volunteers. Mr. Melton will be handling website registration and marketeering from the Village. Poster design and quantity were also discussed. Former member Miguel Zarate will assist with poster production. Yvonne Benson is working with someone on the poster redesign. The parade will take place on July 4, 2013.

Adjourn: Commissioner Benson moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 PM with Commissioner Vozak providing a second. All were in favor.

Cedric Melton
Staff Liaison

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