

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
March 19, 2014 – 7:00 PM
VILLAGE HALL – ROOM 101**

PRESENT: Commissioners Tom Zapler, Frank Vozak, Jameel Rafia, Maggie Duran, Margaret Fleming, Patrice Myers

ABSENT: Pat Michalski

STAFF: Cedric Melton

CALL TO ORDER: 7:10PM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Commissioner Fleming motioned for agenda approval with Commissioner Duran providing a second.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Vozak motioned with Commissioner Fleming providing a second.

PUBLIC FORUM: Three potential commissioners appeared before the group. They were Adam Gill, Maureen O'Brien, Katy Scitelman.

GUEST SPEAKER: John Berry of the Hemingway Foundation spoke on the foundation and the various programs offered through it.

DIVERSITY DINNERS: Discussion was held regarding the diversity dinner held at the home of Commissioner Rafia with assistance from Commissioner Fleming. The dinner had a gay/straight focus and was very informative and enlightening. Discussion was held regarding the next dinner originally set for April 10th. Chair Zapler solicited volunteers to serve as team leaders on the dinner project. Commissioner Fleming agreed to lead the next dinner. Chair Zapler also solicited participants to attend the South Suburban Dinner Project in late April.

AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLABORATION: Discussion was held regarding the ongoing work on the collaboration. Mr. Melton explained the latest effort which will be a table talk session between Austin and Oak Park that will take place at Unity Temple on April 28th. Ideas for topics of discussion were discussed and there was great interest in the event.

WORK TEAMS: Chair Zapler discussed the importance of establishing work teams to accomplish tasks. Commissioner Vozak agreed to lead Day in our Village activities. Commissioner Duran agreed to lead parade activities.

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

Cedric Melton
Staff Liaison

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