

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
February 20th– 7:00 PM
VILLAGE HALL – ROOM 101**

PRESENT: Commissioners Grimes, Zapler, Benkert, Kill, Green, Rodriguez, Puentes, Hovde, Moore, Trustee Boutet

STAFF: Cedric Melton

CALL TO ORDER: 7:03PM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Commissioner Zapler motioned for agenda approval with Commissioner Kill providing a second.

PUBLIC FORUM: Resident Marc Blesshoff came before the group to briefly highlight his views on equity in aging and asked the Commission to keep this subject in mind as further developments occur on the issue of equity in aging throughout the Village. The Village legal department represented by attorneys Paul Stephanides and Rasheda Jackson presented to the group on roles and responsibilities of the Commission. Subjects covered were OMA regulations as well as general operating procedures.

Dinner and Dialogue Report: Commissioner Grimes reported on the activities of the dinner program and upcoming dinners. She discussed the upcoming dinners with Dominican University and the Historical Society. Chair Zapler also mentioned the planning meeting he and Grimes attended with Dominican staff.

2019 Work Plan: Chair Zapler walked through the 2019 work plan and solicited work team assignments to carry out 2019 projects.

Racial Equity Progress: Mr. Melton provided a brief update on continuing staff outreach to entities currently doing racial equity work. There was a lengthy discussion from the group about the lack of progress on why recommendations have not garnered much response. The group agreed that a meeting should be requested with the Village Manager to get some clarity. It was agreed the Commissioner Kill would request a meeting. Also discussed was commissioner attendance at upcoming candidate forums to inquire about equity commitment from candidates.

Collaborations: Trustee Boutet briefly discussed the current situation of the Housing Center and asked the group to consider ways the CRC might be able to partner with the Housing Center.

CRC Dinner: There was brief discussion about the CRC having a get acquainted dinner now that the group is at full capacity. Details to come as more planning is needed.

ADJOURN: Commissioner Hovde, second by Commissioner Benkert.

