

Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2024 | 6:30 pm (Virtual)

Secretary: Rebecca Hirsch

Meeting called to order: 6:33 pm

Present: Jon Gromek, Jason Frederick, Melissa Garrett, Rebecca Hirsch, Dawn Ellis, Stacy Loejos, Tracy Greenberg, Camille Bragg,
Joined late: Marla Samko (6:55 pm), Mary Kennedy (6:37 pm)
Absent: Lise Stevens, Aidan Lawrence

Approving minutes

Motion: Tracy Greenberg, Second: Jason Frederick

Minutes Corrections: none.

Community Updates: Summer event planning underway.

Task Force:

- Youth council will be submitting a letter to city council with recommendation to restore the circulator bus in Lakewood.
- Anti-racism task force will meet February 26th.

Review of Mission: Read by Tracy Greenberg

Community Survey:

- 124 responses so far to the community survey. More flyers are being distributed throughout the city.
- Attempting to contact Lakewood Library – Main Campus to place survey boxes, physical surveys and flyers with the QR code/link. Boxes are also located at the Cove Community Center.

Diversity Potluck:

- Reserved on Thursday, April 11th at Cove Community Center 6 pm – 8 pm.
- Women Honoring Women event is scheduled for April 11th, the same day we had tentative for the Diversity Potluck.
- Plan to start to advertise the event by March 10th.
- Rebecca Hirsch and Jason Frederick have volunteered to help organize and lead the event. Camille Bragg, Jon Gromek and Mary Kennedy can also help but may not be able to take a leading role. Rebecca Hirsch will email the above members to schedule a time to begin planning the event.
- The group discussed the concern of someone bringing a dish with mal-intent. Even if we had registration, if someone had mal-intent they would go through the steps. Having registration

also may exclude those who are unable to bring a dish but just want to come to enjoy the event.

Monthly City Council Meetings: Rebecca Hirsch shared notes from the 2/5/24 city council meeting.

- Budget improvements for local construction projects, a new recycling facility.
- A resolution was submitted to oppose Ohio House Bill 68 which restricts gender-affirming healthcare and sports participation for transgender youth.
- A resolution to designate February as Black History Month.

Announcements:

- Jon Gromek will plan a social gathering for LCRAC in the coming weeks.
- March 14th LCRAC meeting will be in-person (virtual option available) at Lakewood City Hall – East Conference Room at 6:30 pm. Enter through the rear auditorium doors.
- Two tree giveaways for the city of Lakewood beginning in April. Opportunity for Lakewood residents to order trees for cost.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion: Tracy Greenberg, Second: Mary Kennedy

Adjourned: 7:50 pm

Add to agenda for March:

Discussion on recommendation for Lakewood circulator transport to be reinstated in the city.