

Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2023

Present: Camille Bragg, Jon Gromek, Melissa Garrett, Stacy Loejos, Aidan Lawrence, Marla Samko, Neil Chavan, Tracy Greenberg

Absent: Lise Stevens, Dawn Ellis, Jason Frederick, Mary Brown

Called to order: 6:32pm

1. **Old Business**

Review/approval of minutes – Updates to prior minutes to be amended: Under task force: Camille questioned means of task force getting info. Will get further clarification. Reading of the statement of purpose/bylaws need to add period. Under old business, community needs period. Add in Madison Court Community Coalition under Welcome to Lakewood. Capitalize City and Facebook. Ass period after Camille will join. Add “all in favor”, adjourned 7:58.

Motion to approve the minutes as amended: Neil Second: Marla. All in favor.

No city updates.

Review of values/vision was shared in the chat for all in attendance to review as a way to start the meeting.

2. **Welcome to Lakewood**

Camille shared that per Melissa, the City would like Welcome to Lakewood to remain a standalone event. Discussed need for sub committee with project manager. Once in place, work backwards from date regarding timeline. Those interested in sub committee for Welcome to Lakewood: Aidan (lead), Stacy, Marla.

The City is also looking forward to the Diversity Potluck. Goal is to get back on January schedule. Camille inquired if City Council members and attendees will associate Diversity Potluck as an indoor January event. Those interested in diversity potluck sub committee: TBD.

Jon added that Welcome to Lakewood should be for the whole community with emphasis on newer residents. Be intentional about welcoming new residents as the main focus of drawing attendees in.

3. **2023 Survey**

Jon reported that the request is in to Mayor's office for day and time for meeting with Mayor George to obtain feedback before moving forward. Once date is chosen, members can volunteer to be present for the conversation.

Anticipated content in the meeting would be review of last survey, goals for this year, what Mayor would like to see expressed in the survey. Plan is for sub committee to meet regarding moving forward with the next survey. Survey committee consists of Neil, Camille, Mary, Dawn and they hope to meet before next LCRAC meeting. Neil would prefer that someone else take the lead role for the next survey if possible. Marla reached out to Bullock and Baker to discuss the survey and ask about follow up and hopes for the survey. Camille will discuss with committee about a timeline.

Proposed timelines for all events will be discussed at next meeting.

4. **Further strategies for Engaging City Partners**

Camille discussed follow up regarding LCRAC members attending City Council Meetings. Jon will re-send google doc sign up sheet. Meetings can be attended online. Concerns or areas of interest can be brought to the next LCRAC meeting for continuity.

Discussed further aligning with the City and how to drive engagement. We will discuss this further with Melissa at next LCRAC meeting.

Tracy reports that ADA task force is moving forward with needs assessment and transition plan to ADA compliance. Working on creating a document for recommendations to the City. She suggests that LCRAC review the document. Example: storefronts with steps. Incentive or loan program for businesses to increase accessibility. Timeline on the project is to be determined. Sarah Kepple is the City representative who joins in the ADA Task Force Meetings. There is a future possibility of Accessibility Committee.

Jon gave example that historically, LCRAC assisted with Youth Council formation and past member had served as liaison. Discussed that may be good to be intentional about which task forces we align with.

ADA task force to be added to next agenda. We will also discuss with Melissa next meeting about which other committees exist that LCRAC may align with.

5. **Updates**

Next meeting April 13. Same date as Mayor's State of the City Address. Melissa will be unable to attend. Proposed that we reschedule the meeting and go as a group to the event. Jon will send Doodle poll to reschedule LCRAC meeting.

6. **Adjournment Motion:** Camille. Second: Stacy. All in favor. 7:31pm.