

Minutes

Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

In attendance: Jon Gromek, Stacy Loejos, Camille Bragg, Marla Samko, Dawn Ellis, Jason Frederick, Melissa Garrett.

Absent: Rebecca Hirsch, Mary Kennedy, Tracy Greenberg, Lise Stevens, Aidan Lawrence

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm

1. Welcome
2. Old Business:
 - a. Minutes Approval from last meeting
 - i. Capitalize "Council" in Youth Council and City Council in
 - ii. Under announcements - the third bullet capitalize City
 - iii. Under Anti-Racism Taskforce- make sure Racism is capitalized.
 - iv. Stacey L motioned to approve the minutes. Jason F seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.
 - b. Community Updates
 - i. Melissa Garrett reported that the Mayor's State of the City Address will be on April 24 at Cove at 4 p.m.
 - c. Task Force Updates
 - i. No updates from Melissa Garrett
 - d. Review of Mission
 - i. The mission can be found on LCRAC Homepage
 1. [Linked here.](#)
 2. Jason F. read the mission for all in attendance.
3. Community Survey
 - a. Camille provided an update.
 - i. Thanked everyone for their hard work
 - ii. Total of 631 responses, (including at least 92 hard copy responses)
 1. Marla S commented that we should try to expand the number of locations we provide hard copies next time(think senior, section 8 housing)
 - iii. Next steps
 1. Need to go through the surveys and start pulling the data
 2. Work to create a report
 3. Schedule a time to get on the City Council Agenda for May-June meetings
 4. Need to be sure to create a follow-up plan on how to make sure we push key findings to City Council.
4. Diversity Potluck
 - a. Jason F provided an update
 - i. Becky was not present but Jason, expressed that she was concerned that we were running behind on being able to effectively promote.

- ii. A discussion was had about potentially moving it up a week or two.
- iii. Melissa G will check with the city on May 2, 7, or 9th on availability.
- iv. Commission members shared other resources they had to bring for decorations.
- v. Camille B suggested we do some light programming and agenda and reminded us to think through how we are marketing it
 - 1. We need to approach it with the intention of making sure a diverse community
 - 2. Use the list from the Survey Outreach and expand as needed.

5. Monthly City Council Meeting Review

- a. Marla S. was in attendance (as was Dawn E).
 - i. Recognized Ward 1 resident Ron Cheung for his run on Jeopardy
 - ii. A resolution on how to use funds left over from ARPA.
 - 1. The city of Lakewood had received about \$47 million. They had used \$30 million towards sewer projects and discussed how to use the remainder of the funds.
 - iii. The City went over plans for repurposing the former BOE building on Warren into mixed-use housing and development (residential and some retail)
 - iv. The City received a grant of \$10k (and will contribute an additional \$7k to create a storybook train in Kauffman and Madison Parks.

6. Announcements

- a. Camille B motioned to adjourn. Marla S Seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.