

Minutes  
Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission  
April 26, 2023  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom  
6:30pm

Mission: The Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission was established (LCO Chapter 142) in 2005 to serve in an advisory capacity for the purpose of educating, informing and making recommendations to City officials, departments, boards and commissions on matters relating to community relations within the City of Lakewood in an effort to advance: respect for diversity, bonds of mutuality and equity.

Called to order: 6:33pm

Members Present: Jon Gromek, Camille Bragg , Dawn Ellis, Neil Chavan, Stacy Loejos, Marla Samko, Jason Frederick

City Staff: Melissa Garrett

Excused: Aidan Lawrence, Mary Brown, Tracy Greenberg, Lise Stevens

Motion to approve minutes with Camille recommendations: Stacy Loejos, Second- Camille Bragg. All approved.

Camille Bragg recommended edits to minutes- add bullets to changes from March minutes, capitalize C in "City", capitalize D and P in Diversity Potluck

#### Old Business

No major City Updates from Melissa Garrett. Keep Lakewood Beautiful Lakewood Earth Day Clean-Up this weekend. Seedlings will be distributed. May 13 day to give out perennials and humus.

State of the City (April 13, 2023) speech recap/ noteworthy items:

Jason Frederick: 42 beagles from newly condemned house found new homes, no hate campaign

Jon Gromek: public safety initiatives (Fire and Police training), increase lakefront usage esp around Lakewood Park

Stacy Loejos: Tree canopy work, planting

Camille Bragg: Ambassador program, ice rink improvements

No update from ADA Task Force

Youth Council made changes to bylaws regarding quorum etc for better functioning

No update for Anti-racism Task Force

December 2022 discussion revisit- LCRAC members to go to City Council meetings. Tracking [sheet](#): Would be ideal for each member to take 1 month to attend and report back.

Logo discussion- designed by Jason Frederick. He will finalize top choices. We will vote at the next meeting (May 2023).

#### New Business

2023 Survey: recap of meeting with Mayor George with Dawn Ellis, Camille Bragg, Jon Gromek and Mary Brown. Good conversation. Mayor George consented to distribute a questionnaire submitted by our sub-committee. Neil Chavan has put the questionnaire into google form to send to her. LCRAC members should look at the draft in order to formalize it by Monday May 1, 2023. Timeline- May through June 2023 is time for City feedback. July through August 2023 LCRAC will finalize the survey for distribution in September 2023. Mayor George has agreed to more frequent meetings - quarterly with LCRAC.

Marla Samko had feedback from Councilman Bullock: LCRAC members need to be persistent and vigilant in pursuing goals. Marla had shared the "Findings" page from the previous survey. Responses were not acted upon by Council- action must be pushed by LCRAC and residents. LCRAC members should each meet with their councilperson.

Welcome to Lakewood timing- does October work - October 25, 2023 will be held as date. Melissa Garrett thinks there are no conflicts with other City events on that date. Will check with Garfield School to see if it is available as a hosting site. Cove Community Center is a possible site. Garfield has more space to accommodate groups. Aidan Lawrence will be the lead on event planning.

Motion to adjourn: Jon Gromek, Second: Marla Samko. All approve

Adjourned at 7:28pm