

Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission
November 28, 2023- Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
6:30pm

Called to order: 6:34pm

Members Present: Stacy Loejos, Jason Frederick, Jon Gromek, Tracy Marie Greenberg, Mary Kennedy, Dawn Ellis, Marla Samko, Camille Bragg

City Staff: Melissa Garrett

Absent Members: Lise Stevens, Aidan Lawrence

Motion to approve October minutes: Mary Kennedy Second: Stacy Loejos All Approved

Mission found [here](#)

Old Business

Community Updates

Light Up Lakewood- Saturday December 2 from 4-8pm

Task Force Updates

ADA Transition Plan: completed process for the adoption of the ADA 30-year implementation and transition plan by City Council. Next steps- Accessibility Committee formation to ensure progress of plan.

No updates from Youth Council or Anti-Racism Task Force

Welcome to Lakewood: Successful re-launch of the event. More than 100 new community members attended. Great representation from community organizations. Group feedback on process and logistics will be collected by Jon Gromek and kept in a document in the google drive.

New Business

Mayor's special project: Jon Gromek, Dawn Ellis and Camille Bragg met with Mayor George on October 20, 2023. Mayor George would like feedback on the value of the Park Ambassador program- is it useful, appreciated, valued, given its high cost? LCRAC will include a section (3-4 questions) that addresses the Park Ambassador Program specifically in the general survey that it will send out in January 2024 so that there is feedback for Mayor George by February 2024. The December 14th meeting will dedicate time to survey. Jason Frederick and Jon Gromek will join the committee to help.

Diversity Potluck: Traditionally held on the Thursday of the week of MLK holiday in January. Lakewood Park parking lot is under construction and will be in January 2024 so Lakewood Women's Pavilion might not work as a venue. With the survey as a December/January action item, Diversity Potluck will take place in February 2024.

October City Council meeting: named City Beautiful homes for Lakewood, discussed bill that opposes LGBTQ freedom of expression, 2024 city budget discussion, proposed new flag designs, wi-fi in the park, protected bike lanes.

November City Council meeting: City Council adopted ADA transition plan. Passed resolution to buy an ambulance and a boat. Decided to beautify the pit along Detroit and Belle, authorized the purchase of houses in the pit. City paid \$400,000.00 charge to settle claim with a contractor – more information not shared during the Council meeting. Authorized purchase of residence on Halsted in order to demolish it and establish a corridor to Madison Park.

Follow link for document:

<https://www.lakewoodoh.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Lakewood-Public-Review-Transition-Plan-COMPLETE.pdf>

Link ADA implementation plan to this meeting's minutes for next meeting

New necessary appointments to LCRAC by City Council members will happen shortly, towards the beginning of the year. Commission officer positions will be open in January 2024.

Next Meeting: December 14, 2023 at 6:30pm

Motion to Adjourn: Tracy Marie Greenberg Second: Stacy Loejos All approved

Adjourned at 8:05 pm