

# MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor Murphy, City Council, and Management Team

**From:** Margy Greer, City Clerk  
Teri Colvin, ACIC Coordinator

**Date:** 10/2/2012

**Re:** 2012 Second and Third Quarter Report - Status of Assignments and Recommendations from the Advisory Commission for an Inclusive Community (ACIC)

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The following is a review of the progress of the Advisory Commission for an Inclusive Community (ACIC) during the second and third quarters of 2012. The review contains updates on assignments and/or recommendations that were made, completed, or are still in the working stages.

## **ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATE**

During the second and third quarters of 2012, the Commission had several people resign and several new members were appointed to the ACIC. City Council members appointed Rod Chard, Eleanor Jefferson, Patricia Hollender, John Danahey, Carol Quinn, Eloy Garduno, Robert James, Julie Garra, Elizabeth Doxey, Nancy Whitsel, and Lester Tuell to the Commission, bringing the Full Commission membership total to 35. Several new members chose to serve on the Diversity Education Committee and Carol Quinn agreed to be the Chair of the Diversity Education Committee, a position that had been vacant for several months.

The ACIC Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, April 14, 2012. ACIC members were shown the last 15 minutes of the Mayor's State of the City speech. Members were asked to brainstorm ideas on how to support the Mayor's Lakewood Linked initiative. Moving forward, ACIC members have been tasked with developing the top brainstorming ideas into proposals as a way to help promote the neighbors helping neighbor's notion.

In an effort to learn more about City of Lakewood programs, policies, facilities, and day-to-day operations, the ACIC hosted several guest speakers including City of Lakewood employees Tom Charkut and Melissa Carey, who reviewed the new City of Lakewood website; Lakewood Police Department Commander John Pickard, who reviewed the services provided by the Lakewood Police Department; Public Information Officer Stacie Oulton, who promoted Civics 101; and Associate Planner Jonathan Wachtel, who provided an overview of the City's Sustainable Neighborhoods Program. Additionally, Congressman Perlmutter attended the Full Commission Meeting in May.

The Executive Committee had a meeting at the Graham House as a way to further explore Lakewood. Several committees hosted guest speakers and went on field trips to educate themselves and better understand the community that they live in as well as what other communities have to offer.

## **2012 PROJECT/ASSIGNMENT UPDATE**

### **Residential Property Maintenance Code**

In 2011, the Neighborhoods, Environment, and Diversity Education Committees began working on ACIC Assignment 2011-06: Residential Property Maintenance Code. The Committees were asked to explore whether Lakewood needs or could benefit from a code compliance program similar to the program in Independence, Missouri; and if so, what specific code enforcement issues should be addressed.

The proposal recommended: (1) an external property maintenance section addressing maintaining windows, doors, siding, paint, and fencing in good conditions and performing timely repairs; (2) painting of graffiti to be uniform in color with existing base paint; and (3) prohibit use of dumpsters (vs. trash cans) in 2-R zones and require multi-family and commercial properties to screen dumpsters from public view.

The second phase of the proposal referenced code enforcement. ACIC recommended it be similar to the Independence, Missouri program which included: (1) being more proactive; (2) creating and promoting a volunteer program to match skilled volunteers with those in need of assistance; and (3) continue to coordinate the donation of paint and other home improvements.

In July, the Committees' recommendations were presented to City Council Officers. While City Council Officers were in general agreement with the proposal, they wanted staff to review it very carefully keeping in mind unintended consequences and personal property rights when deciding how to implement.

Status: In progress

### **Water Quantity**

The ACIC Environment Committee developed a grassroots proposal related to the general issue of water quantity in Lakewood, titled ACIC Assignment 2012-01: Water Quantity.

The Committee presented four proposals: (1) reducing use of water in city parks, (2) new development landscaping standards as it pertains to water usage, (3) using reclaimed or greywater, and (4) prohibiting new single-pass cooling systems through the building code.

As a result of the proposal: (1) City Council Officers encouraged Community Resources to continue to find ways to reduce the use of water in the city parks; (2) They also agreed with the recommendation to incorporate stronger language into the zoning code, requiring the use of low-water plantings in the landscaping plan for new developments; (3) The use of greywater is something that will be researched further if a new recreation center is built in Lakewood; (4) Prohibiting the use of single-pass cooling systems will be incorporated into the building code the next time it is adopted by City Council.

Status: Complete

### **Door – to – Door Solicitation**

At the request of City Council, the Business Committee completed recommendations for ACIC Assignment 2011-4; policy recommendations on door-to-door solicitation.

The Business Committee presented their recommendations to the Executive Committee and Full Commission during the September meetings. The ACIC approved recommendations will be presented to City Council Officers during the fourth quarter of 2012.

Status: Waiting to be presented to City Council Officers

### **Snow Angel Program**

The Neighborhoods and Diversity Education Committees worked jointly on ACIC Assignment 2012-02: Snow Angels Program, a proposal recommending that the City consider implementing a volunteer-driven snow removal program for senior and disabled citizens, similar to the City of Fort Collins and the City of Aurora.

As a Lakewood Linked proposal, the Committee was asked to keep in mind that a program must be sustainable, have zero or close to zero cost to the City and be of a type for which the City can be a conduit for implementation.

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*If you have any questions related to this report, feel free to contact the ACIC Advisor or Coordinator at 303-987-7080 or by email at [acic@lakewood.org](mailto:acic@lakewood.org).*