



Lakewood Senior Citizens Advisory Commission
MINUTES
August 13, 2003

NOTE: **Action items are shown in boldface**, and *motions are italicized*.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Cay Bettinghaus, Nina Else, Susan Enney, JoAnne Furay, Faye Hastings, Walt Heidenfelder, Roice Horning, Bill Minard, Ellen Rees

CITY COUNCIL: Cheryl Wise

STAFF: Edie Richey, Tami Fischer

COMMISSION ON CULTURAL DIVERSITY LIAISON: Harry Cullis

GUESTS: Sgt. Mike Becker, Lakewood Police
Marjorie Thompson, past Commission member

Roice Horning, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

- I. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. *Motion to approved minutes by Susy, and seconded by Bill. Commission voted to accept. No discussion.*

- II. Announcements:
 - a. Introduction of new member Ellen Rees.
 - b. Faye refreshments for next month.
 - c. Tami received good feedback from City Council on presentation at Study Session.
 - d. Jackie's article in Looking At Lakewood on the Commission was very good.

- III. Sgt. Mike Becker, Lakewood Police presentation on changing demographics of Lakewood. See attached sheets for presentation material.

- IV. Committee Reports
 - a. Communications Committee – Susy – Web Site. Showed phased approach to website. Our logo as button on home page and Table of Contents. Will use presentation as basis for web pages. Would like to be on all Commission web pages. Favorable response from city. Susy will meet with web master.
 - b. Walt – Legislation. Continued discussion on bill that puts seniors on private sector and off of Medicaid. Reminder to Commission to write letters to legislators to voice opinions on bill. Following are two good sites for recommendation to seniors.
 - i. Benefits Checkup Site: www.benefitscheckup.org
 - ii. www.Healthyagingtoday.org.
 - iii. Access for elderly, disabled, etc will be 211 available in October. Funded by Federal Government.

- iv. Walt is running for City Council in Ward 3. Commission does not see any issues as long as he keeps candidacy separate from Commission.
 - c. Housing – Bill: Willow Glen tentative grand opening to be October 29th. Vance residents getting excited to move.
 - d. Commission on Cultural Diversity - Harry – nothing to report. Missed last meeting. Invitation extended for our Commission to give presentation to the Cultural and Diversity Commission at their next meeting – September 3rd at 6:00.
 - e. Staff Notes – Edie/Tami 2004 Budget is going to City Council. Hopefully no changes for Commission. Budget cuts were made by not replacing personnel. Passed out monthly report on services. Tami invited the Commission to take a tour of Willow Ridge at the start of next month's meeting. We will meet at 4:00 and then take bus to the facility. Will conduct meeting upon return.
 - f. Transportation Cay nothing new to report.
- V. September agenda to review of progress on 2003 Commission Working Action Plan, Nina passed out information for review.
- VI. Vote on Draft resolution to change Article 9 of the by-laws from Roberts Rules of Order to read “ as generally accepted rules of Parliamentary Order for this Commission unless superceded by members.” *Motion by Ellen, seconded by Walt. Commission carried.*
- VII. Roice met with the Mayor regarding the Channel 8 presentation and it was suggested that we wait. Some comment on alignment with the League of Women Voters to present the issue. JoAnne will make contact with the League of Women Voters.
- VIII. If members of Commission are asked to participate in campaign events, we can do so as long as we are not representing ourselves as from the Senior Commission. For agreed upon wording see attachment.
- IX. Agenda for September- tour of Willow Glen. October will be the DRCOG and the Ombudsman Program; November will be Vicky Stack /Adopt a Neighbor Program.
- X. *Motion to adjourn by Cay; seconded by Nina, passed by Commission.*

Faye Hastings, Secretary

Approved on _____

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SGT. MIKE BECKER, LAKEWOOD POLICE, THE CHANGING DEMOGRAPHICS OF LAKEWOOD.

Mindset prior to 1970 was that everyone who immigrated wanted to be an “American” and adjusted to that way of life. In the 70’s to present everyone wants to maintain their cultural identity

Area incorporated as Lakewood includes Sheridan 20th to 32nd. West on I-70 to Golden; 470 south to Belleview. 46 square miles

Density of Lakewood has increased from the 50’s.

POPULATION BY DENSITY

	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010
Population	91,987	103,254	110,648	144,126	164,520
Square Miles	28.3	36.8	42.6	44.6	44.6
Density	3274	3062	2965	3225	Increase
Median Age	26.9	30.7	34.2	38.2	42.2

POPULATION BY CULTURAL DEMOGRAPHICS

	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010
White	91,987	103,254	110,648	125,611	126,019
Hispanic	3276	6624	11503	20949	23421
Black	130	556	1186	2128	2508
Asian	397	446	2335	4035	4640
Other		970	809	7028	7941

POPULATION BY PERCENT

	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010
White	99.1	91.5	87.5	87.2	75.2
Hispanic	3.5	5.9	9.1	14.5	25.0
Black	.2	.5	.9	1.5	1.75
Asian	.2	1.3	1.8	2.8	4.3
Other	.1	.4	.1	4.9	1.3

POPULATION BY AGE

	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010
18 - 24	37,877 (41%)	35,314 (31%)	31,299 (25%)	33,834 (23%)	29,614 (18%)
24-50	39,630 (43%)	52,789 (47%)	63,019 (50%)	71,783 (50%)	83,905 (51%)
50+	15,280(16%)	24, 506 (22%)	32,163 (25%)	38,509 (27%)	51,001 (31%)
Median	16%	22%	25%	27%	31%
	26.9%	30.7%	34.2%	38.2%	42.2%

WHEREAS the Lakewood Senior Citizens Advisory Commission is appointed by the elected members of the Lakewood City Council to represent and advocate for Lakewood's older adults and

WHEREAS the beliefs and interests of candidates for public office result in the advocacy of alternative methods for dealing with Senior issues, needs and concerns and

WHEREAS the Commission desires to maintain a neutral position as it represents and advocates for Seniors and

WHEREAS the Commission desires that its individual members maintain their rights and privileges of engaging in election activities,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Members of the Commission will not use their position as a member of the Commission to advocate, sponsor, support or oppose a candidate seeking election.
2. Commission name tags or identification will not be used while campaigning or otherwise supporting or opposing a candidate for public office.
3. Written and oral identification of a person as a member of the Commission will not occur in activities supporting or opposing a candidate for public office.