

LAKWOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY
Commission Meeting—Minutes
September 16, 2009

Minutes are not a verbatim transcription but rather an attempt to capture the intent of the speaker.

ITEM 1 – Call to Order: 6:30 p.m. by Chair, Karen Harrison

ITEM 2 – Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Arai; Carr; Chevalier, A; Chevalier E; Cohn; Cozart; Creswell; Dellinger; Dugan; Fodor; Fox; Gaffney-Kindig; Giroir-Johnson; Goldberg; Hanna; Harrison; Herron; Kinney; Larsen; Lay; McNeill; Olson; Taylor; Trapino; Vasquez; Wicht; Yaple and Kathie Beard filling in for Erma Steck, Advisor/Coordinator. (Quorum of 27 Commissioners present.)

Honored Guests: Cheryl Cyr, Denise Sascone, Natalie Menten.

ITEM 3 – Public Comment: Natalie Menten stated that she wanted to thank the commission for being involved and for the work they do. She has not had an opportunity to visit the commission before and is interested in our work.

ITEM 4 – Approval of Minutes: Minutes from August 15, 2009 were approved..

ITEM 5 – Correspondence: None

ITEM 6 –Presentation by Mariza Vasquez and Ron Ritschard, Public Information Officer on Census 2010 Project. The presentation began with a video presentation by Mayor Murphy. They explained that Mayor’s Complete Count Committee (CCC) for the 2010 Census was established to ensure an accurate count of Lakewood residents in the 2010 census. This is important because Federal and state funding for programs like Medicaid, education, highways, parks, and senior programs is distributed based on this count. It is estimated that for each person not counted, \$9,000 in funding over 10 years is lost.

- Commissioners were asked for ideas as to how best to reach the hard to count populations within the city. The CCC will be present at Cider Days and other public gatherings to publicize the project.
- The CCC meets the last Wednesday of each month from 3:30 to 5:30 in the Cabinet Room; all commissioners are invited to attend and help.

ITEM 7 – Committee Reports:

1. PARKS, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE—Johann Cohn reported on their September 2 meeting. Discussed the presentations at the August meeting and discussed some adjustments to the draft plan to communicate future park and recreation projects to the community. No meetings planned for October and they are considering a new meeting time for November.
2. PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE—No Report

3. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE—Nanci Goldberg reported. The committee is hoping to work with schools on a garden or green project at 2 of the 4 light rail stops and will begin looking at possible sites and appropriate projects.
4. HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE—Joan Trapino reported. The committee is working on coming up with two or three different possible locations, costs, etc. for the Denver Interurban Trolley #25 to be housed in Lakewood. Councilor Peterson has been working closely with the Committee.
5. SENIOR COMMITTEE—Christy Herron reported. The Senior and Business committees presented the report on employment/volunteer opportunities to council officers on Monday 9/14. No current assignment.
6. NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISON COMMITTEE—Lorna Fox reported. The committee is preparing recommendations on the Roadside Memorial Assignment and will forward a copy of the draft to the Public Art and Youth Committees for feedback very soon. Committee recommendations should be finalized by the end of October.
7. BUSINESS COMMITTEE—Jim Kinney reported. The Business/Senior report was well received by Council Officers. The 8/25 committee meeting included a presentation from Rachel Griffin from the Lakewood Economic Development staff on the City's current economic development activities. The next meeting will be at 7 pm on 9/23 at the Carmody Rec Center with a presentation by Gay Dugan on business process improvement methodology. For the October meeting, representatives from the City Planning, Permitting and Enforcement Divisions will be present to answer a list of questions being developed by the committee.
8. DIVERSITY EDUCATION (DE) COMMITTEE— Patricia Gaffney-Kindig reported. She thanked commissioners for the card sent to her husband during his recent surgery and reported he is doing well. DE Committee will be hosting a series of three seminars on November 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Community Room at the Cultural Center. Coffee will be served as well as boxed lunches. The seminars will be advertised in Looking at Lakewood. Mindy Barton with the Gay Lesbian Bisexual and Transgender Community of Colorado, Helena Haynes-Carter who is the Diversity Director of Xcel Energy and our own Mariza Vazquez with the Anti-Defamation League will be the guest speakers.
9. YOUTH COMMITTEE – Elisa Chevalier reported. She spoke with the Principal of her High School regarding the Tobacco Possession assignment; the Principal opined that the City should not set a policy but the school should handle the issue. The Committee continues to look at the assignment and the proposal to offer HS credit for Civics 101.

ITEM 8 – Old Business: None

ITEM 9 – New Business: Chair, Karen Harrison asked Commissioners to list ideas for CCC to use for Census 2010. Neighborhood Newsletters, walking with literature drops were suggested. Other ideas included using the Learning Source, schools, churches, recreation centers and super markets as contact points and partnering with grocery stores to get notices on cash register receipt.

For next month, Karen assigned Commissioners to respond to the points raised in the Table Talk Topic on how to reinvigorate the Advisory Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.

Submitted by Lorna Fox, Secretary