

LAKESWOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY
Commission Meeting—Minutes
November 18, 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; Capel-Jones; Carr; Cohn; Cozart; Creswell; Cyr, A; Cyr, C; Danahey; Dellinger; Fodor; Fox; Giroir-Johnson; Hanna; Harrison; Heckle; Herron; Hinsvark; Johnson; Larsen; Leonhart; McNeill; Olson; Slabe; Taylor; Varnes; Vasquez; Wicht; Yaple and Erma Steck, Advisor/Coordinator. (Quorum of 29 Commissioners present.)

ITEM 3 – Public Comment: None

ITEM 4 –Guest Speaker: Karen Harrison introduced Ron Ritschard and Tom Charkut of the City IT Department to present some anticipated changes to the City website. Their presentation included questions for the Commission about other changes we might suggest.

ITEM 5 – Approval of Minutes: Minutes from October 2009 were approved.

ITEM 6 – Correspondence: The Secretary read a resignation letter from Jim Kinney of the Business Committee. Resignation accepted with regret.

ITEM 7—Proposal

- Lorna Fox presented the Neighborhood Committee Proposal on Roadside Memorials. After discussion it was agreed unanimously that the proposal is ready to move forward to Council officers with one change. (i.e. to show that memorials that present a safety hazard should be removed promptly and the family contacted subsequent to this action.) When the proposal is scheduled for a Study Session with Council officers, Erma Steck will notify the Committee of the date and time.

ITEM 8—Committee Reports

- Historic Preservation Committee—Deb Hinsvark reported on the meeting between Council, the Historic Preservation Committee, and members of the Railroad Club to discuss Interurban Car # 25. After discussion, the Railroad Club voted to decline the City's offer of purchase and instead move the car to the Platte Valley. This was very disappointing to the Committee and to Council. However, we congratulate the Historic Preservation Committee on excellent work.
- Senior--No Report
- Neighborhood—No Report

- Business—Deanna Hanna reported on the Business Committee meeting with Jay Hutchinson, head of the Public Works Department regarding the permitting process.
- Diversity Education—Patricia Gaffney-Kindig reported that 48 people attended the diversity Seminar on November 14th. The seminar was very well received. The Commission thanked the Committee for the hard work that went into this seminar.
- Parks, Trails and Open Space and Environmental Committees—met jointly. No report.
- Public Arts—No Report
- Youth—Mike Olson reported that the Youth Committee will not meet in December but will resume meeting in January.

ITEM 9—Old Business

Karen Harrison reminded Commissioners of the assignment from council to assist in the Census Complete Count 2010. Each Committee is charged with the task of discussing and recommending ways to contact and reach out to special populations. Reports to Mariza Vasquez are due by January. Please e-mail the suggestions.

ITEM 10—New Business

- Nominating Committee reported the following candidates for office:
Chair: Deb Hinsvark and Eric Dellinger
Vice Chair: Christy Herron and Reed Larsen
Secretary: Lorna Fox and Shelley Giroir-Johnson
The election will be held at the regular Commission meeting on January 20, 2010.
- Discussion of Commission Retreat included: 1) whether to have a retreat and 2) possible dates. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to hold a retreat in January. Vote: 24 yes; 3 no. Erma Steck will inform the Commissioners when she has scheduled a facilitator and date. Possible dates are January 9 or January 23.
- Commissioners voted not to hold a Commission meeting in December.

ITEM 11—Advisor Report

Erma Steck reminded Commissioners of the Mayor's tree Lighting Ceremony on December 4 at 5:30 pm at the Heritage Center. Reinstatement of this tradition is the result of a recommendation by the Public Art Committee.

New and re-elected City Council members will be sworn in at the regular City council meeting on November 24, 2009. Commissioners are urged to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Submitted by Lorna Fox, Secretary