

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
September 18, 2013 – 7:00 PM
VILLAGE HALL – ROOM 101**

PRESENT: Commissioners Tom Zapler, Frank Vozak, Jameel Rafia, Swati Saxena, Margaret Fleming

ABSENT: Tremaine Williams, Michelle Collins

STAFF: Cedric Melton

CALL TO ORDER: 7:10PM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Commissioner Vozak motioned for agenda approval with Commissioner Rafia providing a second.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Due to lack of quorum at July meeting, no minutes to approve.

PUBLIC FORUM: None.

GUEST SPEAKER: Lynn Allen, Director of District 97's Multicultural Educational Resource Center appeared before the group and gave an overview of the department and work being done to promote diversity and inclusion across the village. She discussed opportunities for groups as well as commissions to visit the center and use the resources on hand at the center.

2014 Work Plan: Discussion was held regarding the 2014 work plan. Mr. Melton informed the group that the plan is due November 1, 2013. He suggested each commissioner go over the current plan and revise or update the plan based on projects for 2014. The final plan will be completed at the October meeting of the CRC.

DIVERSITY DINNERS: Discussion was held regarding the diversity dinner project. Possible locations were discussed and Commissioner Saxena is scheduling a meeting with the dinner subcommittee during the week of September 23rd to iron out future dates,

etc. There was agreement amongst the group that holding a dinner with Lynn Allen would be a good idea.

TABLED ITEMS: Four items were tabled for future discussion at next meeting.

RACE RELATIONS/TEEN VIOLENCE: Discussion was held regarding the desire of Trustee Johnson to have the CRC head up a community conversation regarding teen violence taking place between the borders of Oak Park and Chicago. Mr. Melton encouraged CRC members to consider holding a dinner to highlight this topic. In addition, Melton encouraged members to attend the community discussion regarding the Austin community taking place at the end of the month at Ascension church.

Adjourn: Commissioner Vozak moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 PM with Commissioner Saxena providing a second. All were in favor.

Cedric Melton
Staff Liaison

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