

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
July 19, 2017– 7:00 PM
VILLAGE HALL – ROOM 101**

PRESENT: Commissioners: Benkert; Grimes; Kill; King-Bell; Mann; Robertson; Wesolowski; Zapler

ABSENT: King-Bell, Moore

STAFF: Melton; Tideman

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00PM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Commissioner Zapler motions for approval with Commissioner Benkert providing a second. Motion passes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES MAY: Commissioner Zapler motions for approval with Commissioner Benkert providing a second. Motion passes. No approval of minutes for June as no meeting occurred due to known lack of quorum.

COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTIONS: New Commissioner Robertson introduces herself and Commissioners introduce themselves to her.

REPORT FROM TEMPORARY WORKING GROUP ON GOVERNMENT ALLIANCE ON RACE AND EQUALITY: Board and Village Manager aware of the Commissions interest in supporting this initiative, some discussion has been happening around it. Board of Trustees is occupied with items relating to new board due to election season; likely to add the idea of study session to agenda in the next couple of months.

DINNER AND DIALOGUE EFFORT: Commissioner Grimes reports on recent dinner with theme of raising race-conscious children. Large dinner, went well, but recognizes the dinner works better with a smaller group. Discussion about collaborative event with DAC following their submitted proposal. A subcommittee is chosen to assist with upcoming dinner. Director Melton reports of national interest in D+D program, and asks for subcommittee to assist in connecting current efforts with original efforts. Group will meet as a subcommittee to explore how to accomplish.

MEETING WITH THE CHIEF REPORT: Report by Commissioners who attended July 6 event with Chief of Police and Resident Beat Officers. Positive feed-back from the well-attended event. Discussion on how to follow-up with effort.

CHIEF AMBROSE REQUEST FOR SURVEY: A resident at the police forum requested a survey of public opinion be sent to the community; a biannual survey is already conducted by VOP.

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE REPORT: Opinion that this year was best parade with most participants (80) thus far in parade history. Improvements: Stick numbers in the ground instead of write; add names of groups to this marker; have numerical and alphabetical list of registrants; leave part of line-up space empty for day-of registrants; have a designated end of the parade; have some sort of physical marker to designate volunteers; provide clipboards; add slow groups to the end of the order to avoid dead space in the parade; have number available to volunteers of contact person if issue arises; have CRC march behind banner.

DAY IN OUR VILLAGE REPORT: Prize wheel great success. Improvements: Have more inexpensive prizes; perhaps CRC branded giveaways; have people staffing the table the entire time.

AUSTIN/OAK PARK BLOCK PARTY: Not a block party. Will need assistance with volunteers for autumn fun run and festival in Austin.

ADJOURN: Commissioner Benkert motions to adjourn with Commissioner Zapler seconding.