

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
March 15, 2017– 7:00 PM
VILLAGE HALL – ROOM 101**

PRESENT: Commissioners: Kill; Benkert; Zapler; Grimes; Mann; Wesolowski

ABSENT: Mbekeani-Wiley; King-Bell; Moore

STAFF: Melton; Tideman

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00PM

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Kill motions for approval with Commissioner Zapler providing a second. Motion passes.

PRESENTATION BY ROBERT WILSON ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION

STANDARD: Oak Park citizen Robert Wilson is developing a resource to evaluate employers on diversity, equity, inclusion. Interested in working with CRC if CRC is interested in project.

REPORT FROM TEMPORARY WORKING GROUP ON GOVERNMENT ALLIANCE ON

RACE AND EQUALITY: Commissioner Benkert informs that working group tasks are complete, and asks what appropriate next steps are for the Commission. A memo alerting of findings will be drafted and sent to the Village Board to evaluate if there is government interest.

DISCUSSION ON COMMUNICATION BETWEEN MONTHLY MEETING AND OPEN

MEETINGS ACT: Director Melton answers questions relating to responsibilities of the Commissioners in how to abide by the standards of the Open Meetings Act.

DINNER AND DIALOGUE EFFORT: Commissioner Grimes reports on recent dinner. Next dinner is May 20.

COMMUNITY OF CONGREGATIONS DINNER: Plan for March 23 event cancelled. Possible shift of focus to working with group on Austin/Oak Park block party planning.

DINNER AND DIALOG WITH DISABILITY ACCESS COMMISSION: No discussion.

REVIEW OF DINNER & DIALOGUE EDITS: No review.

THE NEXT MEETING WITH THE CHIEF: April 6 event cancelled.

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE: Commissioner Zapler is chair of subcommittee; will schedule a meeting for next week.

FORM WORK TEAM FOR DAY IN OUR VILLAGE: Commissioner Mann will join DIOV planning committee.

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