

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE  
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION  
March 20th– 7:00 PM  
VILLAGE HALL – ROOM 102**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Grimes, Zapler, Benkert, Kill, Green, Puentes, Hovde,

**ABSENT:** Moore, Rodriguez

**STAFF:** Cedric Melton

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:03PM

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Commissioner Kill motioned for agenda approval with Commissioner Hovde providing a second.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Kill motioned, Zapler provided a second.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** None

**Dinner and Dialogue Report:** Commissioner Grimes reported on the activities of the dinner program and upcoming dinners. She discussed the dinner with Dominican University and talked about the new schedule for the dinners which will be the third week end of every other month going forward. Commissioner Puentes will be assisting.

**2019 Work Plan:** Chair Zapler briefly revisited the 2019 work plan and confirmed work team assignments to carry out 2019 projects. Commissioners Green and Puentes agreed to take the lead on reviewing the Housing Center situation.

**Racial Equity Progress:** Commissioners Kill and Benkert gave an overview of their meeting held with Village Manager regarding progress of CRC recommendations regarding racial equity. In the meeting, the Village Manager said she would forward possible next steps to the CRC to get their input to include in a study session that will take place on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The group will look at the materials and get their comments back to Commissioner Benkert and Kill. The group agreed that Commissioners Kill and Benkert would have final approval on the materials sent back to the Village Manager.

**Real Equity training:** Chair Zapler and Mr. Melton reported on the equity training conducted by NLC in Hazelcrest on March 14<sup>th</sup>. In total 16 department directors attended the training session. A second module is scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup> at the same location.

**ADJOURN:** Commissioner Hovde, second by Commissioner Grimes.