

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE  
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION  
November 20<sup>th</sup> 2013– 7:00 PM  
VILLAGE HALL – ROOM 101**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Tom Zapler, Swati Saxena, Frank Vozak, Jameel Rafia, Michalski

**STAFF:** Cedric Melton

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:09PM

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Commissioner Vozak motioned for acceptance of November minutes with Commissioner Fleming providing a second. All were in favor.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** A representative from the Holiday Food and Gift Basket Program attended the meeting to give an overview and explanation of the holiday program. Also in attendance was resident Patrice Meyers, a possible candidate for CRC commissioner. Introductions were made and Ms. Meyers will consider serving.

**2014 WORK PLAN:** Mr. Melton discussed the submission of the work plan which has been turned in to the Village Manager's office for consideration.

**DIVERSITY DINNER PLANNING:** Commissioner Saxena discussed progress of the dinner team's work to date. Four dates have been selected for 2014 dinners which are February 12<sup>th</sup>, April 10<sup>th</sup>, July 10<sup>th</sup> and September 9<sup>th</sup> of 2014. Discussion was held regarding a training dinner set for December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Each commissioner agreed to recruit one guest of diverse background. The dinner location is to be determined. Commissioners Fleming and Rafia agreed to jointly host the dinner slated for February 12, 2014.

**WORK GROUPS:** Chair Zapler briefly discussed the current assignments of work groups to handle tasks. He is seeking a person to lead the parade activities of publicity, volunteers and general oversight.

**AUSTIN COLLABORATION:** Mr. Melton briefly discussed the ongoing work between the Community of Congregations, Community Relations and the Austin

community around the issue of building stronger ties with Oak Park and the Westside community. He and Chair Zapler attended a meeting in October to further explore this new area of interest. A major planning meeting will be taking place at the COC's annual meeting in January to further develop areas for discussion on this issue

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**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 8:14PM with Commissioner Saxena motioning and Commissioner Rafia providing a second.

Cedric Melton  
Staff Liaison

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