

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
August 20, 2014 – 7:00 PM
VILLAGE HALL – ROOM 101**

PRESENT: Commissioners Tom Zapler, Frank Vozak, Jameel Rafia, Patrice Myers, Katie Seitelman, Maureen OBrian, Maggie Duran

ABSENT: Pat Michalski

STAFF: Cedric Melton

CALL TO ORDER: 7:13PM

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Duran moved, Vozak provided a second.

PUBLIC FORUM: Resident Julius Thomas remarked briefly that he was in attendance as he tries to be involved in community-related activities and wants to learn about the commission function.

MEMBER EXPECTATIONS: Discussion was held regarding the role of each member of the commission. Discussion on format of future meetings was held with the concensus being that meetings would be one hour in length starting at 7:15.

PARADE OVERVIEW: There was an overview provided of the parade and the processes used to make it successful. Commissioner Duran pointed out areas needing improvement for next year.

DAY IN OUR VILLAGE: Discussion was held regarding the festival and how the group can be more involved in the planning process for the event.

AUSTIN PARTNERSHIP: Brief discussion was held regarding the lukewarm response the Austin dinner has generated thus far. Mr. Melton spoke of a west side entity that is interested in doing a dinner which he will investigate.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR: Commissioner Rafia suggested that the CRC draft a letter to the editor in response to the actions taking place in Ferguson, Missouri. Commissioner O'brian also agreed. The two will draft a position letter which they will submit to Mr. Melton for the Village Attorney to review prior to sending it to the local papers. The group also discussed holding a forum at Village Hall to discuss the events taking place in Ferguson. Mr. Melton will check on council chamber availability as well as check with the police department.

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

Cedric Melton
Staff Liaison

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