

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
May 17, 2017– 7:00 PM
VILLAGE HALL – ROOM 101**

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

ABSENT: Wesolowski

STAFF: Melton; Tideman

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00PM

PUBLIC COMMENT: New OP Board Trustee Deno Andrews introduces himself.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES MARCH: Commissioner King-Bell motions for approval with Commissioner Zapler providing a second. Motion passes.

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

REPORT FROM TEMPORARY WORKING GROUP ON GOVERNMENT ALLIANCE ON RACE AND EQUALITY: Group decides to send memo to Village Manager but do not vote as it was previously voted on and approved. Hope to meet with Board in June if memo is put on docket by then.

DINNER AND DIALOGUE EFFORT: Commissioner Grimes reports on recent dinner with interfaith theme. Next one is scheduled for June 11 with topic on raising race-conscious children with a larger group and paid facilitator. No communication with Disability Access Commission on idea for joint dialogue; is waiting to hear if there is still interest before coordinating anything.

COMMUNITY OF CONGREGATIONS DINNER: Coordinating effort is happening by other groups.

WORK PLAN REVIEW: Review and discussion of current efforts related to work plan goals.

THE NEXT MEETING WITH THE CHIEF: Suggestion is made to reshift focus from scheduling a meeting with the Chief of Police to instead offering a gathering with Resident Beat Officers. Commissioners King-Bell and Moore will coordinate.

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE: Commissioners Zapler and Mann report that attendees are signing up and look forward to a boost in interest after Day In Our Village.

DAY IN OUR VILLAGE: Commissioner Zapler coordinates tasks for DIOV participation.

AUSTIN/OAK PARK BLOCK PARTY: Director Melton reports on recent meeting with interested parties, and shares that idea is moving from a coordinating a block party to supporting Austin's 5K race and festival at the end of September. Organizing committee is looking for assistance with volunteers, sponsorship, attendees, advertising, etc.

ADJOURN: Commissioner Kill motions to adjourn with Commissioner King-Bell seconding.