

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

APPROVED MINUTES

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

7:00PM

Village Hall – Room 101

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Brewer has called the meeting to order at 7:07pm. There is no quorum as yet. The CRC moved ahead to the items that don't require voting.

A. ROLL CALL

Chair Brewer, Commissioners C. West, K. Grimes, M. Puentes, and Trustee A. Walker-Peddakotla. (Comm. Hovde – arrival 7:56pm)

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was motioned by Comm. Puentes and seconded by Comm. Hovde. (The order of the agenda was amended to acquire a quorum.)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of September 18, 2019 with corrections was made by Comm. Hovde and seconded by Comm. Puentes. A Roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Motion to approve the Special Meeting of October 2, 2019 with corrections was made by Comm. Puentes and seconded by Comm. Hovde. So moved.

Comm. Puentes will review the draft, make corrections and report back to Chair Brewer.

The minutes of October 16, 2019 will be tabled until reviewed by Comm. Puentes and report by to Chair Brewer.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

V. OLD BUSINESS – COMMISSION ACTIVITIES/INITIATIVES REVIEW

A) DINNER AND DIALOGUE

Comm. Grimes reported a 9 person dialogue. A discussion involved moving to a potluck dinner. It went well. The upcoming dates are as follows: Jan. 26, March 13, and May 3 and July 17. She reported \$2,551.39 funds were spent this year with funding remaining.

She also reported 11 dinners (3 receipts were for the 26th of October alone).

B) RACIAL EQUITY

1. DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION GRANTS

Chair Brewer circulated the 4 grants applications and the CRC Mini-Grants Scorecard to have the CRC rate them.

A discussion ensued regarding exactly how to review the scorecard and evaluate the 4 applications that were presented; along with how much each applicant should receive. Chair Brewer announced that the highest point any applicant would receive would be 125 points that any 1 grantee could receive.

After the Commission reviewed all 4 of the grant applications.....

1. Patty Johnson received a total score of 92 out of 125. A Roll call vote was made and motion to not fund the proposal submitted by Patty Johnson was moved by Comm. Hovde and seconded Comm. Puentes. Comm. West will draft a form letter to send out.

2. CHOSEN FAMILY DINNER FOR THE ECHO CENTER received a total score of 122 out of 125.

The suggested amount to be given to the Chosen Family dinner For the Echo Center was in the amount of \$500.00. A motion was made by Comm. Puentes and seconded by Comm. West to fund this group \$500.00. A Roll call vote was taken. So moved.

3. ROYAL received a total score of 112 out of 125.

The suggested amount for this group was \$1,000.00. A motion was made by Comm. Grimes and seconded by Comm. Puentes.

4. RACE CONSCIOUS DIALOGUES was not voted upon. There was no quorum and Comm. C. Hovde recused herself.

Chair Brewer announced that Comm. West will write an award letter of congratulations to the applicants within 10 business days. Inform the applicants of the procedure of how the funding will be allocated; and a report should be submitted by March 30, 2020. This information should be provided to the Cedric in regards to how the funding was distributed.

The Commission has suggested using the standard invoice that the Village uses.

2. FAIR HOUSING RESEARCH

Comm. Rodriguez discussion was translated from Comm. Puentes phone regarding Comm. Rodriguez Fair Housing Research.

Comm. Puentes announced that Comm. Rodriguez has attached minutes via her cell phone; which are very detailed. We should consider an amendment. It would be more effective and better received. . Comm. Rodriguez relayed that she had a discussion with Trustee Taglia and will discuss it at the next meeting.

C) 2020 WORKPLAN UPDATE

Chair Brewer announced that the work plan had been submitted to the Village Board and up for review in December.

6) NEW BUSINESS

A) OP COMMISSIONS CHAIRPERSON MEETING

On October 29, 2019, Clark Scaman posted a Commission Chairperson meeting. It was a discussion concerning how the Commissions can all assist one another.

Per Chair Brewer stated the most valuable needs and how the Commissions can all assist one another.

Chair David Baker (Civic Information System Commission) appears before the Commission tonight to discuss possible collaboration on focus groups, along with gathering data. He is looking for the CRC to facilitate and ask basic questions of people needs. Chair Baker is looking for the CRC to facilitate and ask basic questions of people's needs. The first survey Chair Baker had done was 2 years ago and received 1000 responses.

Chair Baker extended an invitation to the Community Relations Commission to attend one of his Commission meetings. They meet the 2nd Thursday of every month. He thanked everyone and said he would get back to the Commission in January/February, 2020.

A discussion began with Trustee Walker-Peddakotla regarding FOIAs.

Comm. Puentes discussed finding a way to having people engage in meetings and public comment. How do we make it easier for people to participate without actually showing up?

Chair Brewer will conduct a poll on the December meeting.

VII. ADJOURN

Comm. Hovde motioned to adjourn, and it was seconded by Comm. Grimes. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea F. Mance