

Community Relations Meeting Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2010

Attendees: Erik Swanson, Marian Thill, Tony Kovacs, Trustee Larry Gomberg, Linda Sosa, Robyn Caplan, Terri Cousar, Samina Hussain, Police Liaison Tim McCloskey

Guests: Rosetta Metz, Library's Community Outreach person and representative of the Chamber of Commerce; Eric Poders, resident/reporter

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairperson Hussain.

Introduction of Guests

Chairperson Hussain introduced two resident guests, Rosetta Metz and Eric Poders.

Approval of March 9, 2010 Minutes

No corrections were required. Commissioner Hussain moved that the minutes be approved and Commissioner Caplan seconded the motion. The March 9, 2010 minutes were then approved unanimously by voice vote.

Special Reports

A.) Commissioner Cousar said that the Most Memorable Morton Grove Moment Essay project was distributed at the Taste of Morton Grove. As of the meeting, according to Commissioner Cousar, there were a total of 10 or 11 essays that were submitted. The agreement was that we were supposed to have a minimum of 50 essays to go forward with the book. Commissioner Caplan said that an idea would be to put the collected essays together in a booklet to be showcased at the Farmer's Market dates that the CRC would be present. Chairperson Samina said that at this time the Essay Book Project would be put "on hold" until the fall. The date of the deadline on the entries would be pushed back to accommodate this change.

B.) Commissioner Kovacs spoke about the role CRC would have at the Farmer's Market. The following dates were agreed upon for the Saturday's that two commissioners would be present at a designated table: June 12, July 24, September 4, and October 16. A discussion ensued about the details of the Farmer's Market. According to Ms. Metz we could be there as early as 9 a.m. and no later than 10 a.m. We can stay as late as 12:30 p.m. Ms. Metz said that the CRC would provide its own signs. Commissioner Kovacs said that a sign could read: "Stop by: New Residents." Commissioner Cousar suggested that at a Family Fest that we had sponsored in the fall of 2008, we used our CRC booth as an information booth. Commissioner Cousar said maybe we could have that role at the Farmer's Market. Ms. Metz said that the information booth was already "taken care of." Commissioner Cousar's idea was denied by Ms. Metz at this time.

Commissioner Caplan said that she would look into the cost of hats for the commissioners to wear at the Farmer's Market. We discussed the color of the hat and the use of the Morton Grove logo on the hat. Chairperson Hussain said that she would look into "giveaways" (magnets) and she would ask Sue and Marlene if there were any available. We discussed the tablecloth and Ms. Metz said that from previous experience the use of a vinyl

banner was more user friendly than a regular tablecloth. We discussed the length of a table and we discussed that the words “Morton Grove Community Relations Commission” would be put on the banner and that we could use the banner for future functions. Commissioner Cousar mentioned that at the Fall Fest the abundance of the plastic bags and wondered if there were any of these plastic bags left for use at the Farmer’s Market. The dates that the CRC would be present at the Farmer’s Market would be put in the Exchange with the words: “Look for the CRC booth at the Farmer’s Market.” On a final note, per Ms. Metz, there will be two “community booths” at the Farmer’s Market each week and the Commission will be the only booth present.

Citizens’ Comments

There were no citizens’ comments.

Committee Reports

Fair Housing: Commissioner Swanson had no news to report.

Communications and Resident Involvement: see comments above on the Farmer’s Market.

There being no other business, Commissioner Kovacs moved to adjourn and Commissioner Coursar seconded. The vote to adjourn was unanimous. **We adjourned at 8:13 p.m.**

Next meeting: July 13, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Sosa