

COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD MINUTES

September 17 2012, 6 PM., MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Present: Chair Susanne Wagner, Vice chair Dianne Wainwright, Carl Templin, Nancy Carroll, Hilary Chiz, Karen Durham. David Brumfield commission liaison, Susan Morgans, staff liaison.

Absent: Jennifer May

Call to order: Susanne Wagner called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Consideration of Minutes of June meeting: Minutes were approved unanimously.

Citizen Comments: There were no citizen comments.

Chair's Report: Susanne Wagner reported there was not a quorum in July, so those attending talked informally with Commissioner Fraasch about the nonprofit agencies and organizations that exist in Mt. Lebanon. No official business was conducted

Staff Liaison Update: Susan Morgans reported the Commission plant to look at what regulations should exist regarding farm animals in Mt. Lebanon. Chickens, roosters and bees have accounted for complaints from neighbors in recent months. Hilary Chiz commented that urban farming is a growing movement in American; several members said unregulated farm animals on Mt. Lebanon's small lots could be a source of neighborhood problems.

Project for the Year: The board will invite several human services agencies to present at upcoming meetings. Members hope that by getting to know more about these agencies, a project for the next year can emerge that might connect the groups, fill service gaps and avoid duplication of services. The representatives will be asked to "tell us something we don't know about your organization, talk about your challenges and suggest how the community relations board might help your organization." Commissioner Brumfield recommended hearing from established organizations. Next month, Susanne Wagner will invite Mt. Lebanon Village and Outreach Teen and Family Services. Next on the list is Family Hospice.

Commissioner Brumfield said the board's challenge is to identify and find the support people need and then to see that the people who need the support get it.

Susan Morgans will ask the high school for their list of community nonprofit organizations.

Continuing Business: Mt. Lebanon Village has new officers. Wendy Duchene is board chair, Linda DeBors is vice chair, Beth Blair is secretary and Ellen Fairbanks is treasurer. The organization now has 50 members. The annual dinner is Thursday, September 20. Cost is \$100. Check the website for information.

Hilary Chiz said the ACLU was presenting a program on the new vote ID law the following evening at the library.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm. Next meeting is Wednesday, October 10, at 6 p.m. in the municipal building.

