

**Community Relations Board Minutes
November 13, 2013 6 p.m. Municipal Building**

Present: Chair Susanne Wagner, Karen Durham, Nancy Carroll, Dianne Wainwright, Bob Taylor, Susan Morgans, Staff Liaison, **Absent:** Carl Templin, Matt Forrest

Call to order: Susanne Wagner called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Consideration of September Minutes: Minutes were unanimously approved

Citizen Comment: Karen Durham, a member of the board, spoke in public comment regarding the proposed removal of parking spaces on Academy Avenue, which she says is a problem for elderly and disabled people who live in her building. The board suggested that unless she could provide documentation of the specific number of disabled people living in the area, it was not an issue the community relations board could address. They suggested she talk with the traffic board and/or speak in front of the commission.

Chair's Report: Susanne Wagner reported that she and Nancy Carroll, Karen Durham and Bob Taylor attended the commission discussion meeting at which White Buffalo reported on its deer survey of Mt. Lebanon and answered questions about various options for reducing the deer population. They attended in order to educate themselves for the discussion regarding a possible educational forum on deer to be sponsored by the Community Relations Board.

Topic of the Month: Possible Educational Forum on Deer. The board had a lengthy discussion about whether or not an educational forum on deer could make a difference or help move the issue forward in any way, and they concluded it would not. They believe that residents who care about this issue on all sides have been adequately educated and that there would be no value in providing further opportunities for people to express their opinion. They feel that the community relations board could serve as a more effective resource after the Commission has committed to taking (or not taking) action. Dianne Wainwright moved and Bob Taylor seconded the following motion: ***The Community Relations Board will inform the Commission that the board will be happy to provide an educational initiative following the commission's decision on its deer management plan.*** The motion passed unanimously. The board will send a brief letter of explanation to Commissioner Brumfield, the CRB staff liaison, explaining the decision. Dianne Wainwright will draft the letter for the board's approval.

Other Business: The December meeting is cancelled.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Next meeting is Wednesday, January 8 at 6 p.m. in the municipal building.

