

**Community Relations Board Minutes  
April 9, 2014, 6 p.m. Municipal Building**

**Present:** Chair Susanne Wagner, Dianne Wainwright, vice chair, Karen Dunham, Steve Silverman, Dana Hackley, Albert Snyder, Steve Silverman, commission liaison, Susan Morgans, staff liaison. Absent (excused) Bob Taylor

**Call to order:** Chair Susanne Wagner called the meeting to order at 6:06

**Consideration of February Minutes:** Minutes were approved unanimously.

**Citizen Comment:** There was no citizen comment; however, Annette Sanchez, 214 Dell Avenue, who has applied for the board, introduced herself as an observer.

**Recognition of past members:** Chair Susanne Wagner expressed profound thanks on behalf of the board to Nancy Carroll and Carl Templin for their service to the board. Their terms expired in March. We will miss them.

**Welcome to New Members:** The board welcomed Dana Hackley and Albert Snyder and all introduced themselves briefly.

**Chair's Report:** Susanne Wagner provided an overview of what the board has accomplished previously and is planning currently. She reiterated that the Community Relations Board does not want to be videotaped because it deals with sensitive issues. Dana Hackley wondered if the board could go into executive session to discuss sensitive issues. Diane Wainwright, who is a lawyer, noted that most issues the board deals with would not fall under exceptions to the Sunshine Law, which includes personnel issues, real estate transactions and legal matters.

**Commission Liaison Report:** Commissioner Silverman will get back to the board after the mission statement submitted has been reviewed. There has been no further discussion about videotaping Community Relations Board meetings.

**Staff Liaison Report:** Susan Morgans reminded the board that their mission, as currently defined, is to conduct conflict resolution among residents and to identify community issues that need addressing rather than to mediate between the commission and the public.

**Topic of the Month: Forum** The board agreed to hold a live forum in the fall organized thematically around "How Can We Have a Better Quality of Life" for all. The forum will be similar to the "Can We Disagree Without Being Disagreeable" forum, and will involve representatives from the nonprofit organizations that spoke to the board last year about free/ low-cost services they provide residents who are at risk because of illness, age, unemployment, mental health issues, etc. Board will look for a moderator who will be a "draw" and will firm up the date and other details at May meeting.

**Other Business:** Susan will send the most recent mission statement to all. As soon as the board gets its final appointment, she will send around a contact list. Board will elect officers in May. Please let Susanne Wagner know if you are interested in serving as an officer.

Next meeting is Wednesday, May 14 at 6 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 7:25.

**Adjournment:** Susanne Wagner needed to leave a few minutes early, so VP Dianne Wainwright chaired the last part of the meeting and will call Susanne to let her know what transpired. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Next meeting is Wednesday, March 12, at 6 p.m. in the municipal building.