

Community Relations Board (CRB) Minutes

Wednesday, April 13, 2016, 6 p.m.

Municipal Building

Attendance: Dianne Wainwright, Dana Hackley, Kiersten Lane, Lisa Borrelli Dorn, Steve Silverman, commission liaison, Susan Morgans, staff liaison, Keith McGill, municipal manager. Absent: Robert Taylor, Annette Bassett

Call to order: Acting Chair Dianne Wagner called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Consideration of Minutes The March minutes were unanimously approved with 1 correction.

Public Comment No public comment

Election of Officers: Dianne Wagner nominated Lisa Borrelli Dorn and Dana Hackley chair and vice chair, respectively, for the coming year. Kiersten Lane seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

Chair: Lisa Borrelli Dorn thanked Dianne Wagner for preparing the slate of officers. Lisa looks forward to a good year, hopes to get more mediations and hopes to introduce Manager Keith McGill in more informal situations than public meetings at the municipal building.

Commission Liaison: Commissioner Silverman said that the candidate appointed for Ward 3 had to decline because of new job responsibilities. The new appointee is Mark Trumbull, Avon Drive, a 35 -year-resident who has been active in community. Mr. Trumbull plans to attend the May meeting.

Staff Liaison: Susan Morgans recommended that the writers of the "Get Engaged" column not feel tied to the suggested list of topics, if there is something more timely that needs addressing.

TOPIC OF THE MONTH: Meet the Manager Events Keith. McGill said that it might be good to include the new assistant municipal manager, who joins the staff May 2, in the get-togethers. Keith is happy to attend five or six events at neighborhood coffee shops or "pubs" and asked the board to suggest some dates. Susan Morgans said there are many ways in which we can publicize these events to attract a broad base of residents.

OTHER BUSINESS

Special Commission Discussion Meetings: Keith McGill said the commission will have only one regular meeting in May and one in July. The second May meeting, May 23 at 6 p.m., will be a special discussion of the development of underutilized properties in the community. The July 25 meeting at 6 p.m., and will focus on infrastructure. Lisa Borrelli Dorn will remind board members of these sessions as they approach.

Dog Park Steve Silverman asked the board what they had been hearing about dog parks, as the commission has debated whether Mt. Lebanon should have a dog park and if so where. Lisa Borrelli Dorn, whose husband is a veterinarian, offered to share her view on dog parks with Mr. Silverman following the meeting.

Community Volunteer Plaque The board thanked Lisa Borrelli Dorn for coordinating the production of the plaque and suggested that it should hang in a public area of the municipal building where residents can see it. Susan Morgans will look into this.

Real Estate Assessments Kiersten Lane asked what was happening this year with appeals to property tax assessments. Commissioner Silverman said Mt. Lebanon is appealing fewer than 30 highly under-assessed residential properties and stressed that the appeals are not confined to new residents.

Next Meeting/Adjournment The next meeting is Wednesday, May 11, at 6 p.m., in the municipal building. The meeting adjourned at 7:20.