

Community Relations Board (CRB) Minutes

Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 6 p.m.

Municipal Building

Attendance: Lisa Borrelli Dorn, Robert Taylor, Mark Trumbull, Kiersten Lane, Catherine Schilken, Staff Liaison Susan Morgans **Absent:** Dana Hackley, Matt Foreman, Commission Liaison Steve Silverman

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lisa Borrelli Dorn called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Aleta Akhtar, 155 Markham Drive, wants to start a group that will promote understanding and eliminate prejudice by allow people of diverse backgrounds to share their stories. She said she is married to a Pakistani an whose family Is Muslim. She was raised Catholic but now practices B'Hai. They have two children. She said her family has not experienced a lot of prejudice but being married to a Pakistani has raised her awareness of the need for tolerance. Lisa Borrelli Dorn said the board would support this effort, lend its name to it and help spread the word. Ms. Akhtar will talk with the library about her idea. Susan Morgans will send her the contact information for several former board members who might be want to help her.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The April minutes were approved unanimously.

REPORTS

Chair

Lisa Borrelli Dorn said she had expected a contingent from the high school global studies program to attend the meeting, as they had requested. She will contact the teacher to see whether there was confusion about the date or time and invite them to attend another meeting.

Lisa asked board members to distribute more Unity in the Community art contest fliers at Rolliers and other spots Uptown and at the Recreation Department and Library.

Lisa has contacted all who nominated residents for the Volunteer Service Award and will now notify the winner. She will let Susan Morgans know about the winner's availability to be honored at a Commission meeting. This year's winner will get a certificate and have his name engraved on the plaque. He will be further honored along with the 2018 award winter at the Volunteer Recognition Dinner in spring 2018.

For the 2018 award, the selection committee will call those who submitted nominations in 2017(which we will retain) and ask if they wish to have their nominee reconsidered for 2018.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Neighborhood College

Board members should send topics they would like to see covered to Lisa Borrelli Dorn.

Lisa would like the course to involve going out to places such as the public works, fire, recreation or police departments and seeing demonstrations.

Susan Morgans suggested that giving a pretest and then a test at the end of the sessions would be fun and also show how much people learned.

OTHER BUSINESS

The board would like to congratulate the library on their diversity programming and related efforts.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:07. The next meeting is Wednesday, June 14, at 6 p.m. in the municipal building.

