

Called to Order: 6:02 pm

In Attendance (virtual meeting):

- Lisa Borrelli Dorn, Chair
- Mark Trumbull
- Robyn Vittek, Acting Staff Liaison
- Jari Jariwala
- Catherine Schilken
- Leeann Foster, Commission Liaison
- Raafay Khan, Jr. Board Member
- Commissioner Mindy Ranney (guest)
- Marissa Escajeda
- Margaret Izzo
- Laura Lilley, Public Information Officer

Absent:

None

Citizens' Comments:

None

Feb. 2021 Minutes:

Approved – No Changes
Motion: Escajeda
Second: Izzo

Meeting Topics:

Public Information Officer – Lilley

- None

Commission Liaison – Foster

- Many thanks to Lisa Borrelli Dorn for her leadership of CRB – “we will miss you and wish you all the best.” Leadership of CRB during her tenure was “efficient and effective.”
- Commissioner Ranney started initiative for boards to speak at discussion sessions – one time per year, per board.
 - Any board members welcome to attend, but cannot have a quorum
 - Share projects/ priorities, can ask questions
- Municipality is opening swim center in 2021 – hope to open around Memorial Day
 - Price will increase by about \$1
 - 3-hour reservations – max 300 at a time
 - 1-hour lap swim reservations at beginning and end of day

Staff Liaison – Vittek

- Mt. Lebanon Public Library's [2020 Annual Report](#) is now available. Vittek is proud of the work of staff, board, and volunteers, and grateful for community support during a difficult year.

Board Chair Report – Borrelli Dorn

- Proud of work accomplished during tenure on the board, including the creation of Resident’s Academy, Coffee meetings with local officials, Community Service Award, mediation for residents, DEI Workgroups initiative
- Thanks to all CRB members for dedication – leaving board in good hands

Junior Board Member Report – Khan

- 2-3 meetings with DEI experts – connected by Escajeda – to connect Social Justice Club at high school with bigger initiatives.
 - Have decided to start with a smaller project to ensure success, build excitement (like helping at a soup kitchen)
 - Sophomores started a community service club - Khan will connect with them – try to do a joint project

Continuing Business

- DEI Workgroups
 - Meeting 3/11 @ 7 pm – “Legal Considerations for Municipal Groups” to discuss Sunshine Laws compliance
 - Vittek – some Community Awareness/ Building Group members seemed uncertain of definition of public meeting
 - Escajeda – some Police Engagement workgroup members don’t understand expectations of public meetings – was not made clear beforehand
 - Ranney – will set up mock run-through of public meeting with Police Engagement group
 - Ranney – we are working to alleviate some of the problems the groups are having with this meeting – attendees can ask questions in meeting or send emails in advance
 - Police Engagement Group
 - Escajeda – lack of transparency for goals to volunteers – some Police Engagement Group members still feel frustrated, confused, unsafe
 - Foster – Document of expectations was shared prior to interviews and integration of Police officers into group was discussed with applicants
 - Dorn – Group members must be willing to engage with the police to move the work of the group forward and meet goals
 - Ranney – sub group formed to find professional mediator for Police Engagement group consisting of:
 - 2 citizen members of workgroup
 - 1 police officer
 - Commissioner Ranney

- Foster – Some of the groups are meeting and have started work – excited to see that happen
- Lilley – Recognition/ Events Group have questions about requests for funds to complete projects
 - Ranney – under \$1000, can probably approve with no issues
 - Foster – requests need to be sent to Keith McGill and copy Workgroup staff liaison
- Dorn – New chair will need to define procedure for workgroup reporting at CRB meetings
- Resident's Academy
 - Wrapped March 4
 - Commissioners, State Representative and State Senator, County Commissioner, Former Magisterial District Judge at last meeting
 - Fire Department – virtual tour – residents were invited to visit presenter host sites for in-person tours
 - Great sessions and attendance
 - Praise to Laura Lilley for her hard work in coordinating and hosting events
 - Residents are on wait list for next year
 - Foster – fantastic opportunity for residents – know of no other community who provides a program series like this
- Community Service Awards
 - Will create 3-member subcommittee at April CRB meeting

New Business

- Election of Community Relations Board Chair
 - Nominees
 - Margaret Izzo
 - Essential to have dialogue/ leaders
 - Successful projects of past shouldn't be overshadowed but run in tandem with DEI initiatives
 - CRB needs structure in place so everything will work smoothly
 - All annual projects can be priorities and be successful
 - Catherine Schilken
 - DEI work and Existing work – would like to find ways for them to merge. Should be the fabric of what we do
 - Board needs to work on communication to public
 - Likes that the board reflects community
 - Motion - Schilken: Election of Chair by secret ballot sent to Vittek
 - Second: Trumbull
 - Approved Unanimously

- Election Results
 - **Schilken – four votes**
 - Izzo – two votes
- Motion – Dorn: Margaret Izzo to serve as CRB Co-Chair
 - Second: Schilken
 - Approved Unanimously

- Vittek will meet with Schilken and Izzo before next CRB meeting to coordinate, create agenda, etc.

Adjournment: 7:29 pm

Next Meeting: 14 April 2021