

**Called to Order:** 6:03 pm

**In Attendance (asterisk indicates voting board member)**

- Keith McGill, Municipal Manager
- Anne Swager-Wilson, Commission Liaison
- Laura Pace Lilley, Public Information Officer
- \*Noah Evans
- \*Adam Flango
- \*Joelle Schultz
- \*Terry Timm

**Attending Virtually:**

- \*Margaret Izzo
- \*Livia Macedo

**Absent:**

- \*Stephanie Fedro-Byrom
- \*David Gloss
- \*Leah Lahoda
- \*Geron Oakley
- Robyn Vittek, Staff Liaison

**Citizens' Comments:**

- None

**May 2023 Minutes:**

Approved Unanimously

Motion: Flango

Second: Schultz

**REPORTS**

**Board Chair - Evans**

- Thanks to CRB members who volunteered for Lebo Pride event 6/16/23 (Flango, Izzo, Macedo, Schultz)
  - Will distribute municipal Diversity Resolution, Pride Month Proclamation, Discussion piece with info from municipal website
  - No members can represent CRB online – only municipal staff can do that
  - McGill – Rec Dept can set up tent, table, chairs
- Farmers' Market table
  - Flango – same setup as Pride
  - McGill – advisory boards usually only at municipal events – staff member is required to attend – usually directed to attend by commissioners for specific tasks
  - Evans – mission of CRB involves engaging with community – facilitating conversations

- McGill – need summary of topics to inform commissioners – Commissioner Flynn will speak at Pride event
- McGill – July 4 event at park is big event – wide demographic
- Evans – focus on Pride and 7/4 event – revisit farmers’ markets, etc later

### **Public Information Officer – Lilley**

- Turkish Immigrant story in magazine
- Residents’ Academy work begins at end of summer – people already trying to sign up
  - Fedro-Byrom, Flango will help with RA for 2024
- Citizen Service Award – plaque still needs engraved
- Municipal website has been updated – looks like community page rather than government

### **Staff Liaison (Library Director)– Vittek**

- N/A

### **Junior Board Members**

- N/A (no Jr. Board Members during summer months)

## **CONTINUING BUSINESS (led by Evans unless otherwise listed)**

### **DEI Initiative**

- Events Calendar– No report
- Police Partnership – Timm
  - Met several times with Chief Haberman
  - Upcoming – several new hires (two female, one minority candidate), new Deputy Chief to be hired
  - Haberman open to community conversations
    - Timm – important to include minority groups
    - Evans – Latino community, Turkish immigrants, faith leaders, new immigrants, civic leaders
    - McGill – reach out to SHIM? – good connections with new refugee populations
    - Macedo
      - growth in Pgh Latino community – how best to reach out?
      - Strong non-profit behavioral health community
      - Results of Demographic questions on Ascend Lebo surveys?
        - Lilley – available at [www.ascendlebo.com](http://www.ascendlebo.com)
      - How is CRB involved with Ascend Lebo?
        - Lilley – Lahoda is CRB rep
        - Macedo – need regular updates – add to agenda
    - Evans
      - Need neutral venues for conversations

- CRB will help plan four conversations over the next six months
- Fewer cars involved in traffic stops – part of intentional strategy for police to be more open, transparent
- Officers expected to make a community connection each shift
  - Lilley, McGill
    - Rock the Block community outreach events
    - K-9 officer – Bloodhound not German Shepherd – specialty S&R
    - Police **Department** rather than Police **Force** – Guardians vs. Warriors
- Process for Police Complaints?
  - Lilley – on municipal website – DEI page
  - A local complaint process could eliminate citizen’s right to appeal, put state-level resolution in jeopardy
- Partnership with mental health professionals – 3 options
  - 1. Partnership with MRTSA
  - 2. MLPD hire own social worker
  - 3. Partnership with Outreach Teen and Family Services (OTFS) – already established partnership so easy to expand
  - McGill
    - New Deputy Chief will be expected to prioritize mental health
    - OTFS partnership – looking at potential increase in funds from municipality at 2024 budget cycle to accommodate
- Training– No report

**ADJOURNMENT: 6:55 pm Due to Lack of quorum – Agenda not completed**

**Next Meeting:** 12 July 2023