



Village of Lombard

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Minutes

Community Relations Committee

*Trustee Dan Whittington - Chairperson
Trustee Bill Ware - Alternate Chairperson,
Pamela Bedard, Lisa Biegalski, Ahmed Ali,
Michael Ledonne, Sharon Vish, Barb Ware,
Gladys Piper and Jenny Swensen
Staff Liaison - Bridget Doyle*

Monday, May 13, 2013

7:00 PM

Trustees Conference Room

1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Trustee Dan Whittington at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joelyn Kott.

2.0 Roll Call

Present 7 - Trustee Dan Whittington, Pamela Bedard, Lisa Biegalski, Ahmed Ali, Michael Ledonne, Sharon Vish, and Barbara Ware

Absent 1 - Gladys Piper

Also present: Joelyn Kott, Communications Coordinator and Lombard resident Brian LaVaque, who is interested in joining the committee.

3.0 Public Participation

None.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Michael Ledonne, seconded by Barbara Ware, to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2012 meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

5.0 Recap/review of the Committee's purview

Chairperson Whittington indicated that he met with staff during the week prior to discuss the Committee's makeup and future action. He

indicated that all Committee members would be reappointed (except for newly-elected Village Clerk, Sharon Kuderna) and Brian LaVaque would be joining the Committee in her place.

Staff liaison Kott presented a review of the activities of the Committee.

Some of the brainstorming comments regarding the future action of the Committee included:

*YOUTH - Letters were sent out to the four area high schools in order to recruit student members for the committees. The Committee discussed a possible youth leadership day for high school students. Ledonne said that youth involvement is good but structure is needed. Ware said that most youth are really busy and that it may not be something that is worthwhile for them to do in their minds. Chairperson Whittington said that they have had good luck with the youth in working with them in the downtown and that we will see if any interest is peaked as a result of the letters and then go from there. Staff also suggested that the Committee could assume the responsibility of the "Youth Art Month" that is currently done each March in conjunction with District 44. Contact: Alicia York, Visual Arts Teacher, Glenn Westlake Middle School and Carol Bauer, Village Manager's office. **A motion was made by Barb Ware, seconded by Michael Ledonne to assume this event. Motion carried unanimously.***

*INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION-It was suggested to see if there is already a meeting happening in which the Community Relations Committee could attend to learn more about intergovernmental cooperation. Chairperson Whittington said that he will pursue this with the Library and the Park District and maybe others. **A motion was made to pursue an intergovernmental meeting with the Committee with a motion by Barb Ware, seconded by Pam Bedard. Motion carried unanimously.***

SENIORS-Ledonne suggested that from his experience, York Township has many senior services and they are also going to be doing quarterly senior fairs. He suggested that perhaps the Village could work cooperatively with them and have a presence at the senior fair. York Township is a participant of the October Lombard Senior Fair. Ledonne said that he will report back to the Committee next month on possible options for participation and more information.

6.0 Unfinished Business

None.

7.0 New Business

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Medal of Character Excellence

Request to nominate Julia Pate for the Medal of Character Excellence Award.

The Committee received a letter from Sandra Hill nominating Julia Pate for the Medal of Character Excellence. The nomination letter was included in their agenda packets.

A motion was made by Pamela Bedard, seconded by Ahmed Ali, to approve the nomination and recommend to the Board of Trustees that the Medal of Character Excellence Award be presented to Julia Pate. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

8.0 Other Business

None.

9.0 Information Only

None.

10. Adjournment

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A motion was made by Pamela Bedard, seconded by Barbara Ware, to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.