



Village of Lombard

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Minutes

Community Relations Committee

Trustee Keith Giagnorio - Chairperson
Trustee Laura Fitzpatrick - Alternate Chairperson,
Pamela Bedard, Lisa Biegalski, Ahmed Ali,
Cindy Wellwood-Burke, Michael Ledonne,
Sharon Vish & Barb Ware
Staff Liaison - Joelyn Kott

Monday, November 14, 2011

7:00 PM

Village Hall - Trustees Conference Room

1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Giagnorio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chairperson Giagnorio led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 Roll Call

Present 6 - Trustee Keith Giagnorio, Pamela Bedard, Lisa Biegalski, Michael Ledonne, Sharon Vish, and Barbara Ware
Absent 2 - Ahmed Ali, and Cindy Wellwood-Burke

Also present: Kate Burke, Communication Specialist.

3.0 Public Participation

None.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Bedard and seconded by Ware the minutes of the September 12, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved by the members present.

5.0 Unfinished Business

A. Seniors

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2011 Senior Fair

Review and evaluation of the 2011 Senior Fair.

Staff reviewed the results of the 2011 Senior Fair. It was estimated that over 500 people were in attendance. Attendees came from mostly Lombard but the event drew seniors as far as Westchester, Palos Hills, Wheaton, Glen Ellyn, Elmhurst and

Villa Park.

Points highlighted: Over 300 complimentary bags were given out depleting the supply. The pre-paid lunch boxes offered to the vendors was well received. The "Dash for Cash" exhibit recovered money for several attendees. The Illinois State Treasurer's Office is planning on returning in January to offer the same opportunity for all residents. The Department of Motor Vehicles had another successful turnout of people wanting to renew their license and/or State ID card. The comments were all positive relating to the Fair. One suggestion to add to next year's fair is a Medicare booth and a banner outside of the building to identify the event. Staff reminded the committee that the Senior of the Year recipients will be riding in the Lilac Parade in May.

B. Social Services

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Photo Program

Discussion relative to the submittal of photos by the public to be used in the Photo Program.

Staff submitted the draft of the press release to the committee for approval and revisions. The committee had no revisions and approved the press release as is. The release will be sent out as soon as possible.

6.0 New Business

A. Seniors

A brainstorming session followed to discuss changing the time of year/day of the event, alternate locations to provide more space and parking for the growing list of exhibitors and the popularity of the event. Committee members suggested scheduling the Fair during the summer and utilizing the local high schools. Summer time or a weekend would be the only way it would work due to the heavy use at the schools. Another location suggestion was Yorktown Shopping Center. It has ample parking and space but it was ruled out because the Fair would not be intimate enough and would need a larger number of volunteers to assist due to the expansive space. Also, there is the possibility that the majority of attendees could draw from various communities and not just Lombard. Sunset Knolls would be a better option according to the committee because of the various rooms available in the building. However, existing Park District classes would have to be rescheduled for the duration to accommodate the Fair. The Committee will have to look at the logistics with the Park District to see if it is a reasonable solution. An additional option is to use an available empty building as a location (e.g. Walgreens building on Main Street) but the committee was concerned that the plans could be halted last minute if the building's owners were to find a rental. Lastly, the suggestion of using York Township as a future location was discussed. The committee discussed it as a strong possibility because there is already a Senior Center in the building and it is large enough to accommodate the growing event. A concern is that the location might be too far south for some seniors. There is plenty of parking available. Trustee Giagnorio said he would inquire with the Township to see if this is a viable option.

Committee agreed to change the day of the week to accommodate bus schedules and other kinds of transportation available for the seniors. Also, it was decided to keep the event in the fall because of the flu shot offering. A lottery of vendors to host the yearly flu shots was discouraged and to keep Dominick's as the flu shot provider.

Another option is to have other pharmacies provide the shingle or pneumonia shots.

Staff mentioned a conflict with Addison's Senior Fair hosted by State Representative Dennis Reboletti and State Senator Carole Pankau on the same day as Lombard's. Staff had contacted Senator Pankau's office to inquire when their 2012 Senior Fair is scheduled. The reply was to let their office know when Lombard's is scheduled and they will avoid the date and conflict with possible vendors.

B. Social Services

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Medal of Character Excellence

Request to nominate Lindsey Rakosnik for the Medal of Character Excellence Award.

An application was reviewed for Glenbard East High School student, Lindsey Rakosnik. Trustee Giagnorio submitted the nomination and explained the reasons behind the nomination. Lindsey is an outstanding student athlete, a senior leader, enrolled in the Math Honor Society, a Westlake Middle School Mentor, volunteers in Big Brother/Sisters Program, and has won a medal competing in a Junior Olympics sports event this past summer. Trustee Giagnorio described Lindsey as an outstanding example of a high school student that can still hold a high academic status, participate in sports and volunteer in her community and be of strong character.

A motion was made by Pamela Bedard, seconded by Lisa Biegalski, that the nomination be approved. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

C. Youth

D. Intergovernmental Relations

E. Diversity

7.0 Other Business

8.0 Information Only

Next meeting of the Community Relations Committee will be held on Monday, December 12, at 7 p.m. in the Trustees Conference Room.

9.0 Adjournment

On a motion by Ledonne and second by Bedard, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.