

Falcon Heights- Community Engagement Commission

April 18, 2016

7:00pm

Minutes

Members Present: Commission Chair Melanie Leehy; Commissioner Shirley Reider, Gary Kwong, Ahmed Hassan, Clem Kurhajetz, Jay Colond, Gwen Willems; SAPD Liaison Sergeant Jon Mangseth, FHFDD Liaison Assistant Fire Chief Anton Fehrenbach, Council Liaison Tony Fischer, Staff Liaison Katie Thrasher

Members Absent: Commissioner Felicia Turner

1. Call to Order 7:06pm

2. Approval of February 16, 2016 Minutes Shirley Moves, Clem Seconds

3. Elect Secretary Melanie motioned Jay Colond for Secretary, Approved 6-0

4. 2016 Goals

a. Events

i. Ice Cream Social (July 21, 6-8pm)

1. Host a table outside closer to the FD or near the play area.

ii. Block Parties (August 2)

1. There has been an average of 8 block parties on MN Night to Unite with one apartment every few years (1550 Larpenteur and interest in 1530 Larpenteur)
2. Former Commissioner, Dick Carlson, is willing to help people coordinate music, but his main focus this year will be for California Ave. and 1550 Larpenteur.

iii. Human Rights Day (December 8 or 9)

1. Falcon Heights Elementary School (1st choice). Reaching out to the president and PTA for our first choice.
2. Inquire with the U of MN School of Social Work to utilize the theater on St. Paul campus or the Continuing Education Building (2nd choice)
3. Roseville High School
4. Look into licensure requirements for an “academic setting”

iv. Annual Meeting (March 20, 2017)

v. Spring Connect (June 7)

Presents an opportunity to connect those in the apartments.

Historically in May and has been a potluck. Commissioners could

seek sponsorship through in-kind food donations from local businesses and grocers. We will discuss the time at the next meeting.

b. Outreach

- i. FH Elementary “walk to school day”(May 4 walk begins at 8:40am)
Ask PW about a sidewalk Sammy (neon turtle with flag)
- ii. Coffee with a cop (apartments)
- iii. Ice cream with a cop (apartments)- Looking into funding
- iv. Lunch with a cop (elementary schools)
- v. Apartment/ senior apartment outreach (1530 & 1666 have asked)
- vi. Fire Department Open House (Oct. 1, 10am-1:30pm)
Be present but no table. Anton will provide a one page invitation to recruit and 5 safety bullet points to converse with neighbors about.

c. Internal

- i. Document revisions and updates
Three tubs of documents and plans need updating
- ii. Grants
- iii. Training

5. Housekeeping Items

Agenda items in by May 9 at 3pm

6. Updates and Announcements from Commissioners

SAPD recognition for Chief of Police John Ohl- May 10

7. Meeting Schedule and Adjourn

Next meeting May 16 at 7pm

Adjourn: 8:32pm

Melanie Leehy, Commission Chair

Dated this 18th day of April, 2016

Katie Thrasher, Staff Liaison