

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
Regular Meeting of the Falcon Heights - Community Engagement Commission
City Hall
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue

MINUTES
June 21, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

Note: This meeting was held by web conference.

A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:03pm

B. ROLL CALL:

Larrabee X Cooley-Kistler X LaDouceur X
Ebbesen X Dumbacher X Locke X Campbell X

COUNCIL LIAISON:

Gustafson X

STAFF PRESENT:

Walter X

C. PRESENTATION:

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. May 17, 2021

Motion to approve the minutes by Karen Cooley-Kistler;
Approved, 7-0.

E. DISCUSSION:

1. Ice Cream Social – Thursday, July 22, 5-7:00pm, Community Park
 - a. Commissioner updates on resource fair contacts
 - b. Staff updates
 - c. Assign remaining tasks
- CEC members will be attending, Julie may be unable to attend.
 - Karen is still waiting to hear from the International Institute, they are under construction at the moment.
 - Dana will reach out to MNHousing/RentHelpMN
 - Laure can reach out to Como Park Block Nurse Program
 - Julie will reach out to someone at the Minnesota State Fair. Dena asked whether the fair could sell tickets on site, Ashleigh said she would check
 - Julie connected with someone at Workforce Solutions as well as a Solar Energy Resource and will follow up
 - Karen will connect with someone at the Good Acre

- Randy will connect with NineNorth and NYFS
- Julie mentioned that outreach at apartments could be Fall or next spring
- Ashleigh will connect with Julie to provide contact info for multifamily apartment management/ownership

2. Redlining & Racial Covenants Discussion

- A group of residents met with Penny Peterson about racial covenants and believe there are likely properties with these in Falcon Heights, particularly in the Northome neighborhood
- Volunteers have been reading deeds from Ramsey County and finding many in Falcon Heights
- 11 cities are already part of Just Deeds
- Would be good to provide residents information on how to remove covenants from deeds, or commit resources to assist residents
- Eventually there will be a way to lookup deeds by address
- If we became a Just Deeds city, there would need to be some commitment of volunteer resources by legal practices and/or some memo from Council acknowledging the partnership

Roll Call for making this topic the Human Rights Day event theme;
Approved, 7-0.

F. INFORMATION/ ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Unity Day Event on July 6 will be at 8:00 for the groundbreaking for the Peace Garden
- Restoration Day will be happening on July 7 at the City Hall lawn

G. ADJOURNMENT: 8:18 pm

Next Meeting: July 19, 2021