

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
Community Engagement Commission
City Hall
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue

MINUTES

September 16, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

- A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:36 PM
- B. WELCOME:
- C. ROLL CALL:
Karen Cooley-Kistler__X__ Julie Ebbesen__X__ Curt Stockford__ Mishy Wang__X__
Rebecca Leighton__X__ Denise King__
- STAFF PRESENT:
Elke Van der Werff__X__
- COUNCIL LIAISON:
Melanie Leehy__X__
- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- Motion to approve agenda - Motion to approve Ebbesen, seconded by Cooley-Kistler -
unanimously approved
- E. Information/ Announcements
- St Paul Art Crawl 10/4-6
- F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. June 17, 2024 Community Engagement Commission Meeting Minutes
- Motion to approve - Ebbesen - unanimously approved
- G. AGENDA
- Unfinished business
 - CERT training discussion
 - Van der Werff - suggests placing the conversation on hold until we know the new policing agency
 - Cooley-Kistler asks to clarify the timing, Van der Werff thinks the change will be taking place in March or possibly April
 - Van der Werff communicates that Ramsey County has CERT training programs currently.
 - Ebbesen asks if we should get everything in order to be ready to go when the policing contract is finalized. Van der Werff believes there will be a

- “ramp up” period with additional officers needing to be recruited and the staff will need to be trained.
- Leehy - suggests encouraging citizens to take the online introductory course. May need to budget a little towards the training to take care of binders and copies.
- Looking at possibly fall of 2025 to bring back discussions and/or training programs.
- Leehy - could discuss with St. Paul Fire for support.
- Apartment Outreach
 - King is absent but was going to reach out to apartment management to discuss options for outreach events
 - Leehy suggests possibly calling from city hall so caller ID shows that it would be an “official” call.
 - If e-mails are being sent Van der Werff and Leehy should be copied. Leehy suggests including language in an e-mail that says we may follow up with a phone call
 - Van der Werff will follow up with an update when she is able to connect with King.
 - Leehy suggests starting with senior apartments/condos as they regularly have social events.
- New Business
- Human Rights Day
 - Van der Werff - We had Just Deeds in 2021 and looking to now move forward with creating amendments internally starting next month. Staff will be able to offer deed amendments during business hours.
 - Leehy asks how many residents have reached out to request the amendment.
 - Ebbesen, Wang, Leighton, Leehy, Van der Werff all suggest that the city has evening availability to run an evening opportunity to have residents apply for the amendments.
 - Van der Werff believes residents or attorneys need to complete the form. The city is planning to contact residents that may have these covenants on their property with examples and step-by-step instructions and let them know when events are that they can come in and get assistance.
 - Kistler suggests event hours from 4:30 to 8 on Tuesday, December 10.

J. ADJOURNMENT: 7:47 PM

Motion to adjourn Ebbesen - unanimously approved

Next Regular Meeting is on November, 18 at 6:30 PM