

Falcon Heights Community Engagement Commission

October 19, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Call to Order: 7:02 p.m.

Members Present: Commission Chair Melanie Leehy; Commissioners Shirley Reider, Clem Kurhajetz, Ahmed Hassan, Jay Colond; SAPD Liaison Chief John Ohl; Staff Liaison Tim Sandvik; Staff Liaison Katie Thrasher

Members Absent: Commissioners Gary Kwong, Dick Carlson, Gwen Willems, Felicia Turner, Amino Mohamed; FHFD Liaison Anton Fehrenbach

1) Review and Approval of Minutes from September 21, 2015

Shirley moves to approve, Ahmed seconds

2) Report from Fire Department Liaison of their Open House- October 3

- Open House had a table without knowing the final verdict that CEC would not be hosting a table.
- FHFD recognizes that the food needs to be more clearly labeled moving forward.

3) Apartments Outreach Strategy

- The first step is making sure we have the right contact information for the owner/manager. From there we introduce ourselves and present the resources that we have available.
- Chief John Ohl would like SAPD to be included in those resources.
- Neighborhood Commission made a pamphlet for apartments that could be a resource and needs updating. In the past, new resident info packet has gone to a manager to hand to new tenants.
- In the past Melanie engaged apartments throughout Falcon Heights.

4) Miscellaneous Discussions

- Encouragement for block party attendees list to be distributed to the block. Melanie will contact Kris Grangaard, Communications Coordinator to notify Neighborhood Liaisons about creating a list of block residence to distribute to the block.
- Liaisons are responsible for organizing if they would like to door-knock and inform residents or introduce themselves.
- Katie will look into CEC cards/nametags for events.

5) Plan Human Rights Day Event- December 10

a. Guest- MN Department of Human Rights Commissioner Kevin Lindsey

- Provide 10-15 minutes to introduce himself and resources

b. Movie Selection

- Jay suggested Selma and commissioners agreed.

c. Discussion Format

- Jay has reached out to Joe Franklin, who served as Director at St. Paul Youth Services and he also is involved in Community Engagement initiatives. He's a former attorney that does workforce

development, and currently works as a consultant. Jay will send link introducing Mr. Franklin, and a formal introduction can be a future agenda item.

- For the next meeting commissioners are asked to bring sample discussion questions and will select six. These will be sent to Kevin Lindsey to adjust as needed.
 - o Two categories of questions to brainstorm: human rights questions that would relate to the movie and questions directly related to the movie.
- Movie needs to start at 6:00pm (15 min intro, 2 hr 15 min movie, 30 min discussion). Advertised as 6-8:30pm with optional discussion time (Commissioners plan to be present from 5:30-10pm).
- How to market: Weekly news, FH Facebook, Roseville Review, Bugle, possibly Ramsey County Libraries, and post 8.5 x 11 flyers.
- Katie will check on legalities for public viewing of the movie.

6) Begin Plans for Annual CEC Gathering- January 25

- Tentatively at 6:30pm or 7pm
- Hosting Commissioners, Neighborhood Liaisons, and CERTS
- Commissioner Kevin Lindsey will be allotted 20 minutes for speaking and 10 minutes for Q&A
- FHFD report (any of the captains), SAPD report
- Invite City Administrator
- Create icebreaker questions (i.e. what's unique about your part of the city and what are your concerns?)
- Divide into four quadrants of the city plus a fifth group for those residing outside the city
- At next meeting, need to determine what refreshments and door prizes to have

7) No House Keeping Items

8) Meeting Schedule & Adjourn

- November 16th at 7pm
- We will discuss HR Day discussion, Annual Gathering, and goals for 2016.
- Some potential goals: Diversity training in February or March for the Commission. Have each Commissioner share their story of some aspect of diversity.

Shirley moves to adjourn, Clem seconds

Meeting Adjourned: 8:17pm