

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS

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

AGENDA

September 20, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

B. ROLL CALL:

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

COUNCIL LIAISON:

Gustafson ___

STAFF PRESENT:

Walter ___

C. PRESENTATION:

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. August 23, 2021

E. DISCUSSION:

1. Human Rights Day Event- December 6
2. Clothing Drive for International Institute
3. Winter Festival ideas

F. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

G. ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting: October 18, 2021

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D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. June 21, 2021

Motion to approve the minutes by Andrea LaDouceur;
Approved, 5-0.

E. DISCUSSION:

1. Debrief on meeting with Just Deeds

- Ashleigh and Randy met with Jared Shepherd from Just Deeds, a local organization that was started by a group of attorneys who were seeking to work with homeowners looking to acknowledge racial covenants on their property deeds
- Randy: as a City, we can become part of the Just Deeds program, residents would apply to have assistance through a pro bono attorney that would work with them.
- Mapping Prejudice is working to complete the mapping of deeds in Ramsey County and expect to be completed by the end of 2021
- Joining Just Deeds could come with a recommendation from CEC to Council to sign on to the organization.
- There is no financial commitment required to join, only staff time.
- This topic could go before Council at the September City Council Workshop. There was consensus from the CEC to recommend this to Council. Randy would share the discussion and recommendation with the rest of Council.

2. Human Rights Day

- The event could be at Falcon Heights Elementary or the Falcon Heights Church
- A turnout of 30 people would be considered a good turnout given the time of year
- Ninenorth could broadcast a presentation by one of the organizations so that a virtual attendance option is possible
- Could get signs out in yards advance
- Andrea can reach out to Principal Behnke about dates that are available
- Bole Ethiopian restaurant would be an idea for food at the event
- Perhaps the International Institute could be tapped to participate- either a winter clothing drop box or presenting on how to get involved with Afghan refugees that will be arriving.
- Human Rights Day Content will focus on Just Deeds/Mapping Prejudice (presentation), possibly the International Institute on needs related to Afghan refugees.
- December 6 or 7 at the church or school; Andrea will check with the school
- Julie will contact Just Deeds or Mapping Prejudice about a presentation and an individual who could speak about the Rondo neighborhood destruction.
- Karen will contact International Institute about involvement in the event.

F. INFORMATION/ ANNOUNCEMENTS:

G. ADJOURNMENT: 8:32PM

Next Meeting: September 20, 2021



ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

Meeting Date	September 20, 2021
Agenda Item	E1
Attachment	NA
Submitted By	Ashleigh Walter, Administrative & Communications Coordinator

Item	Human Rights Day
Description	<p><u>Event details:</u> Monday, December 6, Time TBD Theme- Racial Covenants, Afghan refugee issues? Falcon Heights Elementary School 1393 Garden Ave West Webpage: www.falconheights.org/residents/city-events/human-rights-day</p> <p>Below is a list of items that should be considered/decided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Contact/secure speaker for the event-</u> possible organizations to tap could include Mapping Prejudice, JustDeeds 2. <u>Identify event title-</u> Last year, the event was titled "Stories of Courage: New Americans & Expanding our Work to be a Welcoming City." What does the CEC want to title this year's event? 3. <u>Create poster, share on social media, other outlets</u> 4. <u>Set time for the event-</u> consider availability of space, residents' ability to attend on a week night. 5. <u>Create agenda/schedule for the evening-</u> Schedule should be shared with commission members, speaker(s) 6. <u>Determine if food will be offered, contact vendor, determine pricing</u> 7. <u>Identify CEC representative(s)/Councilmember to lead opening/closing remarks</u> 8. <u>Communicate with school on equipment needs</u> 9. <u>Make arrangements for possible virtual event if necessary</u>
Budget Impact	Community Inclusion (210)- Depending on event details, there could be a budget impact with regard to food offering, honorarium for speaker, etc.
Attachment(s)	NA
Action(s) Requested	Discuss items listed above.

Priorities 2021					Priorities 2022				
Strategy	Jan-Mar 2021	Apr-Jun 2021	Jul-Sep 2021	Oct-Dec 2021	Jan-Mar 2022	Apr-Jun 2022	Jul-Sep 2022	Oct-Dec 2022	
Leveraging Community Involvement	Complete CEC Plan	Engage Renters - Event TBD	Food and Beer Truck Event	Clothing Drive - Inter Inst	Winter Frolic - Name TBD	Resource Fair - Location			Food donation
			Involve local restaurants						
			Ice Cream Social / Resource Fair - July 22						
Showcasing our City		History of Falcon Heights Topic	History of Falcon Heights Topic	History of Falcon Heights Topic	History of Falcon Heights Topic	History of Falcon Heights Topic	History of Falcon Heights Topic	History of Falcon Heights Topic	Planting common areas - worms
Creating Common Spaces			Night to Unite - Block Party				Night to Unite - Block Party		
			Monthly Free Concerts??						
Enhancing Public Safety		Neighborhood Liaison	Neighborhood Liaison	Neighborhood Liaison	Neighborhood Liaison	Neighborhood Liaison	Neighborhood Liaison	Neighborhood Liaison	
				Human Rights Day				Human Rights Day	
Improving Communication		Town Hall Meetings	Town Hall Meetings	Town Hall Meetings	Town Hall Meetings	Town Hall Meetings	Town Hall Meetings	Town Hall Meetings	Billboard outside City Hall
		Website Improvements	Website Improvements	Website Improvements	Website Improvements	Website Improvements	Website Improvements	Website Improvements	
		Door Hangers	Door Hangers	Door Hangers	Door Hangers	Door Hangers	Door Hangers	Door Hangers	