

## Minutes

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF GOSHEN COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

Tuesday, April 14, 2015, 7:00 P.M., Goshen City Hall, 202 S. Fifth St.

**CRC members present:** Bryce Gast, Ed Ahlersmeyer, Anne Berry, Nathan Mateer Rempel, George Smucker, Sandra McMasters, Kelly Huffman

**CRC members absent:** Sreekala Rajagopalan,

**Consultant to the CRC:** Darin Short

**1. Nate called the meeting to order at 7:02pm**

- a. reviewed the agenda, approved (carried 6-0)
- b. George Smucker submitted US Census Bureau facts on Goshen vs. IN vs. USA, based on 2010 data. Free and reduced lunch trends and housing incomes concerned. Census numbers to be considered as CRC continues its efforts.  
May reflection: Bryce Gast

**2. Minutes for March 10, 2015** Meeting Minutes were reviewed, edits to line 2a Bob-Kelly, edits to #5 dates, moved to approve. (Bryce/Anne/Carried)

**3. Treasurer's report** was received and submitted by Bryce Gast who discussed report, public funds will be used for diversity day. Nate requests a mid-year report for next meeting, what CRC has spent and what our future expenses could be.

**4. Reports and statistics:** Darin Short has no new calls, emails. Nate received an email indicating someone was not getting necessary repairs to rental, Nate said he was able to help w/ repair, and landlord was concerned about receiving rent.

**5. Review of draft 2014 CRC Annual Report:** Nate submitted his proposal for the annual report. Vision statement was stricken from the Report, mission statement correlates w/ vision. Vision 2025 edit proposed to add heading line to steering committee members. Bryce had been treasurer in 2014, not Glenn, so edited. Motion to approve Report and present to City Council (Anne/Sandra/carried)

**6. Taste of Goshen:** Nate and Sandra discussed the schedule and events. Schedule and Information was submitted for discussion. Sandra met w/ vendors and all are approved and committed. 3 music groups are scheduled, 4 were originally discussed. Vendors request CRC Direct the Kids Learn opportunity, passports and stickers earned will be the opportunity. CRC set up will begin 2pm. Advertising possible expenditures was discussed, and T-shirts to new banners were considered. Committee decided to purchase T-shirts ahead of diversity day for increasing awareness to vendors and guests of who committee members are. Motion was made to spend up to and not exceed \$200 for Diversity day T-shirts for committee members (Ed/Bryce/carried)

**7. Vision 2025:** Darin Short: indicated that two more dialogues occurred and 22 more participants contributed to project. 860 Surveys completed (214 in Spanish). Requests for Proposals have not been confirmed, we are still attempting to analyze data and needs to be complete by July to validate program. Kelly Suggested contacting the Goshen College Business School as an entity that could analyze Vision Data. Darin discussed consideration to submit only surveys for brevity of analysis vs. inclusion of Dialogue recordings.

**8. Latino Neighborhood Outreach:** Nate indicated that the program is underway w/ Gilberto Perez. Each neighborhood association would have a Latino ambassador.

**9. Membership opening:** Nate indicated that Bob Rademaker has moved out of town and is no longer available to serve on the commission. His term runs through the end of 2016 and would need to be replaced. It is a mayoral appointment.

**10. Announcements by CRC members:** George commented on the Sundown resolution that was vetted in the CRC and ultimately passed by the Goshen City Council.

**11. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 9:16 pm

Next meeting is May 12, 2015

Ed Ahlersmeyer, Recorder