

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (CRAB) MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2016, IN THE CLUBHOUSE AT THE SPRINGHILL LAKE
RECREATION CENTER.

The meeting began at 7:36 p.m.

Members present were: Rick Ransom, Jamie Krauk, Kevin Hammett, Janet Jacobs-Parker, Dea Zugby and David Moran, Staff Liaison.

Also present were: Lynn Slater and Bill Orleans.

Jamie read the Community Pledge. It was noted that Lynn had applied to serve as a member of CRAB, and was attending the meeting to learn more about CRAB.

Diversity & Inclusion Referral

Rick indicated that CRAB needed to further consider this referral at a future meeting.

CRAB Report 2016-3 – Syrian Refugee Referral

Rick summarized the background and CRAB's previous discussions. Jamie moved that report be approved with changes Rick had proposed as well as her suggestions. Kevin seconded.

Bill stated that Council should have passed a Resolution and the letter the City sent to the Governor was not enough. Bill believed the CRAB Report was "milk toast." Kevin indicated that the referral was not political – Council made a specific request for CRAB to consider how Greenbelt could become more welcoming. Jamie stated that CRAB spent a lot of time figuring out the purview of CRAB versus other actions. She noted there was an active group in Greenbelt already working on this issue and CRAB wanted to recognize their efforts.

The motion to approve the report passed unanimously.

Other Business

Rick distributed copies of a letter in this week's News Review from Bill Norwood related to a play at the Arts Center and wanted CRAB to be aware of the letter. Janet noted that Bill Norwood writes a lot of letters and found it hard to believe that Greenbelt Arts Center would provide a play as Mr. Norwood described it.

The meeting ended at 8:15p.m.