

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD METING HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015, IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

The meeting began at 7:47p.m.

Members present were: Dea Zugby, Kevin Hammett, Jacquie Carrington, Janet Jacobs Parker, Jamie Krauk, Ed Putens, Council Liaison, and David Moran, Staff Liaison.

Also present was Bill Orleans.

Minutes from 2/26/2015

There was discussion of the minutes. It was agreed to amend the language in the second paragraph under Council Referral. Jamie moved approval as amended. Kevin seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Review of Report 2015-1

There was discussion of the draft report. Janet stressed that CRAB should not be involved in City employment issues. Kevin favored preserving the opportunity for CRAB to listen to any community concerns about City employment and relay them to Council. Jamie believed the added language in the second bullet addressed this. Jamie wanted CRAB to be more active in building community relations. Janet reiterated that there was not a problem with diversity in Greenbelt's programs and services.

CRAB Members suggested revised language to the report.

Planning & Scheduling of Quarterly Outreach Meetings

Jackie posed several questions about the meetings for CRAB to consider including: Why are we doing this? What are the venues we will be using? How will the meeting be conducted? What will the agenda look like?

Kevin thought CRAB would be conducting its regular business at these meetings and provide an opportunity to hear from the community.

Jamie suggested the next meeting be at a different location than the Municipal Building and that CRAB allow an opportunity for public input.

Jacquie suggested that CRAB may want to consider using surveys as another means of reaching out to the community and as part of their research (according to sect 2-164 of the city code) on whether there should be a separate advisory committee on diversity and inclusion.

CRAB agreed to finalize Report 2015-1 via email. CRAB also wanted to hold the next meeting at the meeting room at Schrom Hills Park tentatively on May 21.

The meeting ended at 9:42p.m.