

Meeting Minutes -
COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY HEALTH
November 16, 2022 6:30 P.M.
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APPROVED

Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call: Bernard Hooper called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. Each member shared their name and introduced themselves to the group.

Members Present: Bernard Hooper, Charles (Charlie) Starkman, Annemarie Diakow, Molly David, Obi Ogbonnaya, Jessica Schefman

Members Absent: Jarel Readous, Eunice Jeffries, Alexander Mott, Cheryl Patel

Others Present: N/A

Approval of Minutes – 10/16/22: Jessica Schefman moved to approve the minutes, with Molly David supporting the motion. The minutes from the September 2022 meeting were approved.

Approval of Agenda: Molly David moved to approve the agenda for today's meeting, with Charlie Starkman supporting the motion. The agenda for today's meeting was approved.

Adopt a Senior Holiday Program- Commission Involvement with this Program: Molly reviewed the commission's discussion on the Adopt a Senior Program from last meeting for Bernard. Molly shared that the cost to adopt a senior is minimal, typically around \$30-\$40. Jessica inquired as to how the financial aspects of the adoption process would work. Per Molly, baskets will be dropped off at Costick Center; she clarified that the commission would not deliver the basket directly to the senior we adopt. Bernard suggested that commissioners team up when making deliveries, which was widely supported by those present at the meeting. Commissioners agreed upon purchasing gift cards to add to the baskets and aid in delivery. Bernard motioned to approve \$100 to spend on \$10 gift cards for seniors, which was approved by the group. Molly motioned that the commission participate in collection and distribution, which was approved by all commissioners present. Annemarie inquired as to how the deliveries would be scheduled and coordinated; Bernard indicated that the commission will wait for Teresa in terms of how to proceed.

Farmington Area Goodfellows: DELIVERY DATE IS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17th. Annemarie expressed interest in participating in this project, and Molly reminded the commission that it was initially presented as a group project. Jessica and other commissioners indicated their interest in helping with the sorting. Bernard put forth a motion to assist the Goodfellows with their initial delivery and packaging, with Molly moving that the group participate in the packaging of goods before December 17th. Annemarie seconded the motion and the motion was approved by all commissioners present. The commissioners decided upon December 5th as the day to aid in packaging.

Commission T-Shirts: Bernard noted that commissioners do not have any articles of clothing with the commission's logo. The commissioners agreed upon purchasing pullovers, hats, and T-shirts with the commission's logo on them. Jessica motioned to purchase clothing items, with Molly seconding the motion. All commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Monthly Public Service Announcements: Bernard discussed the expectation that the commission is active year-round (aside from the brief break in the summer). He suggested a monthly public service announcement to share information pertaining to community health and wellness. These announcements could also highlight other events going on in the area, as well as drawing attention to issues such as food insecurity, mental health, and other concerns. Bernard stated that Teresa would assist with coordination. Bernard made it clear to commissioners that participation in these PSAs would not be mandatory. Molly suggested that the commission plan out a topic for each month, which was agreed upon by group members.

Molly moved that the commission create public service announcements on community health topics through Farmington Hills Public Service Resources. Obi seconded the motion and members approved the motion unanimously.

Support a Local Public Organization in a Thanksgiving Event: Bernard noted that Thanksgiving is coming up soon, and the timing might be difficult in terms of committing at this time. Commissioners determined that it would be best to wait until next year to

Diversity Communications: Bernard reiterated the importance of tying in diversity and multiculturalism to the commission's work.

Member Comments/Announcements: Molly discussed the successful clothing drive at the Church of Latter Day Saints. Bernard raised possible concerns about issues of separation of church and state if the commission engages too frequently with religion. Jessica noted that it could be an opportunity for the commission to diversify and engage with different religious communities in Farmington Hills. Commissioners agreed to look more into city policy regarding these topics and to consult with Teresa to obtain additional information.

Bernard announced that he will be traveling to London with his daughter to celebrate her graduation from her master's program. The commissioners expressed congratulations and well-wishes on this accomplishment.

Next Meeting: The next commission meeting will be held **January 18, 2023** at 6:30 PM.

Adjournment: Charlie moved to adjourn the meeting, with Molly supporting the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.