

**MINUTES
CITY OF WOODSTOCK
CULTURAL AND SOCIAL AWARENESS COMMISSION
April 16, 2013**

The Regular Meeting of the Cultural and Social Awareness Commission of the City of Woodstock was called to order at 10:30AM on Tuesday, April 16, 2013, by Chairperson Laurie Crain in the Council Chambers at Woodstock City Hall, 121 West Calhoun, Woodstock, Illinois. A roll call was taken by Chief Deputy Clerk Cindy Smiley.

Chairperson Crain introduced new Commission member Alex Mitchell.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jose Rivera, John Hudson, Alex Mitchell, Ivy Sagrado, and Chairperson Laura Crain.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Human Resources Director Deborah Schober and Chief Deputy City Clerk Cindy Smiley.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by J. Hudson, second by J. Rivera, to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2012 meeting as presented. Ayes: Hudson, Rivera, Sagrado, and Chairperson Crain. Nays: none. Absentees: none. Abstentions: Mitchell. Motion carried.

MODEL ORDINANCES

In response to a question from Chairperson Crain, D. Schober stated that the following ordinances have been passed by the Woodstock City Council and have been codified:

Keg Tagging Ordinance
Social Hosting Ordinance
Alcohol and Tobacco Sign Limitation Ordinance
Synthetic Drug Ordinance

SISTER CITY PROGRAM

J. Rivera stated that he has visited Zacatecas four times in the past three months and that they are interested in initiating more programs with District 200. He is in the process of meeting with Mayor Sager and the district to facilitate this. The high school band trip was cancelled and he would like to reschedule it for next year. In addition, teachers from both cities are interested in participating in an exchange. In addition, some business people have expressed an interest in featuring some products from Zacatecas in their retail businesses and would like to visit Zacatecas to facilitate that relationship.

GOOD NEIGHBOR BROCHURES

The Commission discussed the creation of a Good Neighbor Brochure. It was the consensus that, rather than creating a new brochure, the People in Need booklet be placed on the City's website in both the English-language and Spanish-language versions.

TOBACCO LICENSING PRESENTATION BY McHENRY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dominic Cannata and Karin Buck from the McHenry County Health Department made a presentation on the licensing of tobacco retailers. Currently, the Health Department joins with the Woodstock Police Department to do compliance checks of these businesses. The most recent check resulted in only one violation. Mr. Cannata stated that enacting a licensing program would provide another enforcement tool. He further stated that it is the clerk, or seller, who is fined and that because Woodstock does not have a licensing program, the business owners does not feel the effects of non-compliance. Mr. Cannata stated that the Health Department is promoting licensing programs in all McHenry County Communities and presented a sample licensing ordinance for the Commission's review.

Motion by J. Rivera, second by I. Sagrado, to recommend to that the City Council consider passage of an ordinance provided for the licensing of tobacco retailers. Ayes: Hudson, Mitchell, Rivera, Sagrado, and Chairperson Crain. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absentees: none. Motion carried.

CLEAN PARKS/SMOKEFREE PARKS

The Commission and the Health Department representatives then discussed an initiative to provide smoke-free parks to discourage smoking around young people. Mr. Cannata stated that school groups are assisting with researching and formulating an ordinance to accomplish this. Following this, they hope to present the ordinance to the City Council for consideration.

OTHER BUSINESS

In response to a question from J. Rivera, C. Smiley stated that the printing of business cards for Commission members is not included in the City's budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by L. Crain, second by J. Rivera, to adjourn this Regular Meeting of the Cultural and Social Awareness Commission to the next Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 9, 2013, at 10:30AM in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Ayes: J. Hudson, J. Rivera, I. Sagrado, A. Mitchell, and Chairperson L. Crain. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absentees: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:38AM

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Smiley
Chief Deputy Clerk