

**Minutes  
Minnetonka Community Commission  
Meeting of February 22, 2010**

**1. Roll Call**

Commission members present: Paul Ansolabehere, David Hakensen, Michael Kelly, Marli Komarek, Paul Thyren

Commission members absent: Betty Johnson, Barb Westmoreland, Melissa Williamson-Herren

Staff: Jacque Larson

Chair Hakensen called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m.

**2. Discussion Items**

**A. Meeting Minutes: January 25, 2010**

Ansolabahere moved, Komarek seconded, all voted to accept the minutes of January 25, 2010, meeting as written.

**B. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2010**

This item was tabled until next meeting due to member absences.

**C. Report from commission members**

Hakensen reported on a recent interfaith dialogue series at Oak Knoll Lutheran Church. Speakers presented on the Christian, Jewish and Islam religions. This is a three-part series that is open to the community. The first session was attended by about 100 people, half of whom were church members and the rest from the community.

Hakensen thought the attendance indicated a desire for this type of dialogue in the community. If the community commission could identify a topic of concern, perhaps it could host a similar community dialogue. Suggestions included at-risk youth in the community; hunger issues; and family safety. Other general topics might be religion, aging and other issues facing society.

Ansolabehere said the mayor asked him to help recruit youth for city boards and commissions, so he would be leaving early to talk to some area Boy Scout troops. He suggested the mayor be involved in throwing out the first pitch at summer softball or baseball games or that the city host clean-up days.

**D. Neighborhood Initiative Program Discussion**

Commission members had the opportunity after the last minute to review online results of the neighborhood initiative survey that was sent out last summer.

Kelly said he was amazed by the number of responses (118). Thyren asked if there were tools we could give neighborhoods to make them more excited about participating with each other, such as kits to get a neighborhood group started and ideas for neighborhood activities like garage sales, block parties, etc.

Hakensen suggested putting information in the 2010 Night for Neighbors info that is distributed to neighborhood parties. He also suggested spotlighting various neighborhoods and their activities in the Minnetonka Memo.

**E. Reflections Award Criteria Review**

Due to the absence of several members, this topic was delayed until the March 29 meeting.

**3. Adjourn**

Kelly moved, Komarek seconded the motion to adjourn. Meeting concluded at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacque Larson  
Community Relations Manager