

**Wheeling Human Relations Commission
Special Meeting Minutes-- February 10, 2011
2 Community Boulevard**

**Present: Commissioners: Co-Chair Debbie Stecker, Co-Chair Marge Sala, Village Liaison Shari Mathews Huizar, and guest, George Hernandez
Absent: Commissioner Gary Hittleman**

Meeting called to order 6:03 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stecker and seconded by Commissioner Sala to accept the minutes of the January 5, 2011 meeting. Motion was passed.

Changes to the agenda: Removed item focusing on the dialogue with Staci Allan. Staci will attend at the March meeting.

Discussion Items:

Membership

We welcomed George Hernandez to our meeting. George has an interest in our commission and is intending to learn about the commission. George, a native of Chicago from the Logan Square area, has actively worked on various community projects for the city along with working on gardening projects. A Wheeling resident and former Appeals commissioner, George's vision is to mold and cultivate ideas, and to help serve the community so people can make a difference together.

Music Festival

Shari Mathews Huizar gave us an overview of what is entailed when creating a public event. She shared details for obtaining permits; special events applications; and, listed various areas upon which we need to focus on. Some of the important details include factors such as the number of people attending, food, restrooms, if alcohol will be served, size of the event, costs, location, and sponsorships. We will continue to explore this venture. We are looking to the summer of 2012 as the target for the Music Festival event.

Invitation Letter –Draft Review

All agreed on the draft presented. Shari Huizar will obtain a listing of the area churches and pastors. When an invitation is sent to a pastor or church representative we will follow up with a phone call. Commissioner Sala agreed that she would be the contact person for the churches.

Questions for Dialogue with Invited Guests.

Questions were reviewed. We decided to table review until the next meeting. Our goal to take the best qualities from all the questions and to combine those qualities into five questions. Between now and the March 2 meeting, each commissioner should give this some thought.

No additional items for discussion.

**Commissioner Stecker moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by
Commissioner Sala. The motion was passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.**

Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 2, at 7:00 p.m..