

VILLAGE OF GLENCOE  
HUMAN RELATIONS FORUM

MEETING MINUTES

April 18, 2012

6:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Glencoe Human Relations Forum, held in the Village Hall Hagenah Conference Room, was called to order at 6:35 p.m. on the 18th<sup>th</sup> day of April 2012.

The following members were present:

Deborah Cogan, Chairperson  
Hillary Price  
Peggy Wagner-Kimble  
Joel Heifitz  
Paula Alexander  
Rabbi Steven Stark Lowenstein  
Mike Volling, Ex-officio member

The following members were absent:

Patricia Cantor  
Andrea Fox  
Keki Bhote  
Margot Flanagan

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 15, 2012 MEETING

The minutes of the February 15, 2012 meeting were approved. Motion by Member Wagner-Kimble, Second by Member Price.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

None.

4. 2011 ANNUAL REPORT

Chairperson Cogan distributed copies of the HRF annual report. The report was briefly reviewed. Members were asked to take the report home and review the content in more detail. She asked that suggestions for change or corrections be brought to her attention by the end of the week.

5. JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> GLENCOE'S GOT TALENT SHOW & FOOD DRIVE

Planning is underway for the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July talent show. Boxes to collect non-perishable food will be put out in May. Posters advertising the show will be distributed after Memorial Day. It was asked if non-residents could enter the show and it was agreed they could.

6. 2013 VILLAGE VEHICLE STICKER CONTEST

Members agreed that the 2012 vehicle stickers turned out well. Glencoe Family Services has requested that they be the theme for the 2013 sticker as it will be their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. No other requests have been received as of today. Discussion was held on whether or not the HRF should set a deadline for submissions. It was agreed to continue the discussion as the next HRF meeting.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Rabbi Lowenstein mentioned the Community Garden being placed at Phil Thomas Park this year. It's been named "Growing Seeds of Goodness" and will be featured in the Pioneer Press. Discussion was held on whether or not the HRF should participate in the program.

Rabbi Lowenstein discussed the "Family Promise" program and their effort to provide housing for displaced residents. Am Shalom, Glencoe Union Church, North Shore United Methodist Church, and St. Elisabeth's Church have all expressed an interest in participating in the program, but some of the have had problems complying with the Fire Code. Participants will attend a training seminar on the program on April 25. It was suggested the HRF write a letter of support for the program if needed.

Chairperson Cogan related that HRF Member Andrea Fox tendered her resignation from the HRF. Members were asked to begin looking for a replacement member.

Discussion was held on whether or not it would be appropriate for the HRF to mediate neighborhood disputes. Mention was made of a recent incident involving a teenager trespassing in a neighbor's yard was discussed. It was agreed this case would not be appropriate for the HRF.

7. NEXT MEETING

NEXT MEETING: Scheduled for May 16, 2012.

Motion to adjourn at 7:42 PM by Member Wagner-Kimble; Second by Member Alexander.