

COMMISSION ON INCLUSION
Tuesday, 5/26/26 5:15 p.m.
Boards & Commissions Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tricia Streharsky, Chairperson Stefanie Farkas
Nicki Wilkes Taryn Cook
Jason Gates

ALSO PRESENT: Secretary, Kari Erdman Matt Schonver
Michael Stanley via phone call Kyle Herman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Susie Liberatore Jocelyn Shartiger
Kelly Cook

CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE – The meeting was called to order at 5:27 PM by Tricia Streharsky.

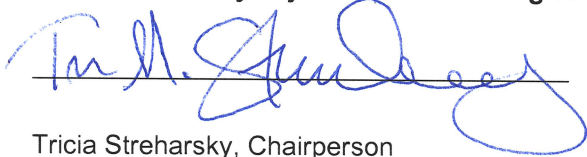
Approval of Minutes: Tricia went through minutes from 4/28/26 meeting. Tricia motioned to approve; seconded by Taryn. Motion passed.

- Zoning Amendment-** Kyle Herman spoke to the commission about the amendments to the zoning code. He shared the 2 adjustments which would allow mixed use buildings for business/ living similar to Hudson and Cuyahoga Falls. The 2nd would allow the city to mandate 20% of new units to be accessible housing that meets ADA compliance. With these amendments this gives council the tools to negotiate with the developers for public benefits. Taryn asked if COI can give input to developer plans before approval, Kyle said he would look into that. Kyle wanted to see if COI would give an endorsement to Council on the amendments. Jason moved to support the endorsement. All in favor, the motion passed. COI will send a letter on their behalf supporting the amendments.
- Inclusive Event-** Date for event group agreed upon and worked with Parks and Recs calendar is Friday, August 21st. This will be a registered event through Recdesk and all children will need to be registered with notes on how many caregivers will be attending with them. Parks gave feedback on what needs to be done to move forward. COI needs to fill out event form and submit it to Parks and Recs. Draft a layout and traffic flow plan to make sure all elements fit in the spaces and still provide the calm you desire. Supply sources for supplies (ie Amazon), On the day of the event, staffing and operational support will need to be provided by COI. Kari will be City staff to provide facility access and oversee security needs. Tricia will complete the form and send it to Kari for submission with Parks. From there, Marketing will help with getting event graphics and branding together. Mike shared that he spoke with Twisted Tomato, Stownut Donut and the Stow Café for donations. He said they need more information regarding the event. Kari let the group know that within their budget they can also include the cost of food as Parks and Recs have funding for those items. Stefanie said that she will supply word searches and crosswords for the event. Taryn is gathering the craft ideas and will send to Kari to get craft supplies ordered.
- Nursing Home Update-** Nicki updated the commission on volunteering. She was unsuccessful at having businesses who need help in packaging as most do everything internal. She saw an idea for a wheelchair carwash that she thought was a fun idea. Individuals can have their own ideas. Taryn wants the commission to create the connection as opposed to running the volunteering schedule. Nicki has connections with Hudson Springs, The Pavilion and Vitalia for nursing facilities in Stow. Nicki will be getting the volunteer information and passing it along to the facilities to coordinate a schedule. Groups could include veterans from VFW, Girl Scouts/ Boy Scouts.

4. **Accessibility Ohio-** Parks and Recs received an email from an accessibility Ohio representative. They forwarded the email to Kari who shared it with the commission. Tricia suggested inviting the representative to an upcoming meeting to see what COI helps with and to find out what they are wanting to do with Parks.
5. **Amp Pop Up Series-** The commission agreed upon 3 dates that they would like COI to participate. June 30th, July 22nd and September 16th. June 30th event is "Kids Build the Amp". Taryn suggested bringing items from home such as legos/ magnatiles to have with booth. July 22nd theme is "mini mic moment". Suggestions of music mad libs and printable activities to have at booth to go with theme. September 16th event is "dance freeze party". Group suggested having glow sticks to hand out with booth. Tricia, Jocelyn and Mike are pretty sure they will be able to attend all. Will have a sign-up sheet for members to make sure that the events are covered and who will be picking up COI items from Kari prior.
6. **Evergreen Park-** Tricia and Kyle went and toured there new facility over off of Kent Road. Rada had reached out to connect with COI regarding a resident who is Autistic and creating a game room/ hang out space that would be accessible for him. Tricia is connecting her with Summit DD as they can help facilitate design and help in getting this done.
7. **4th of July Parade-** Tricia shared that COI will be walking/ riding in the 4th of July Parade. She asked if any members would like to walk/ ride along with her. Mike and Matt will be joining her.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is Tuesday, June 23rd 2026, 5:15 pm, Stow City Hall Boards & Commissions Room.

Tricia Streharsky adjourned the meeting at 6:23pm



Tricia Streharsky, Chairperson



Kari Erdman, Secretary