

47 She stated she believed in neighborhood associations, but she was concerned about
48 “balkanizing” the community and pitting the neighborhoods against each other. She stated the
49 Twin Lakes issue was a City issue and not just a neighborhood issue. She hoped once a civic
50 and community engagement process was going, Roseville will engage in a visioning process and
51 not just be concerned about sewers and parks.

52
53 Commissioner Ramundt believed they shared the same vision, but the issue would be figuring
54 out how to get people engaged.

55
56 The Chair added that the task forces they were seeking for volunteers for did not necessarily
57 need to meet in person.

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59 **Approve Minutes**

60
61 Chair Grefenberg amended the minutes as distributed on line 399 by deleting *the leader* and
62 replacing with *the Chair*.

63
64 Commissioner Becker moved and Commissioner Manke seconded a motion to approve the
65 January 15, 2015 meeting minutes as amended. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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67 **Discussion with Roseville Mayor Roe and Council Member Lisa LaLiberte on League of**
68 **Minnesota Cities Community Engagement Conference**

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70 Roseville City Council member Lisa LaLiberte told the Commission she had given a brief
71 summary at Monday night’s Council meeting to bring the the Council up to speed on the
72 conference, which was a two day conference organized by the League of Minnesota Cities. She
73 acknowledged there were other cities working on engagement, but believed Roseville was a little
74 ahead as Roseville had this commission. She reviewed the information that was provided by the
75 League at its conference. She noted the government should not get involved in the civic
76 engagement and own it, but should guide and encourage it.

77
78 Mayor Roe reported also that the City and Commission were not alone in promoting community
79 engagement. At the conference there were interesting examples of efforts that had worked in
80 other communities. He stated they had received a lot of great written resources, which they
81 would give to Mr. Bowman who would distribute to the Commission.

82
83 Mayor Roe reviewed the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) Core Values
84 (a copy of which is attached and made part of this record) and its 10 Principles for Public
85 Engagement, which he indicated would be given to the Commissioners. He presented the 10
86 steps for engagement and the Public Participation Spectrum. He believed they could use this
87 type of a process in Southeast Roseville regarding housing, new immigrant issues, crime issues,
88 deterioration of neighborhoods, etc. Another issue was funding for streets. He wanted a Council
89 work session meeting regarding these ideas so the Commission should not feel he and
90 Councilmember LaLiberte were looking for a decision from the Commission tonight.

91

92 Councilmember Laliberte said she was thinking of having the Commission less project-based but
93 rather more process-based; this would help the Council define a process for projects. She stated
94 a visions and goals for engagement needed to be measured in some way and identifying issues as
95 well as updates to Roseville University were all things they were thinking the Commission could
96 work on.

97

98 Mayor Roe stated other communities did a broader university (somewhat similar to Roseville U)
99 that included other entities and was not just specific to the government, which he found was an
100 interesting idea.

101

102 Councilmember Laliberte stated other cities also brought their meetings out to other locations in
103 the City and not just in the Council Chamber.

104

105 Vice Chair Becker asked if the conference provided other tools as to how the community could
106 respond to each other – i.e. community engagement as opposed to civic engagement.

107 Councilmember Laliberte responded they spoke a lot about online tools such as the civic
108 engagement website module the Commission has recommended to the Council.

109

110 Mayor Roe stated another notion was people meeting where they were. He stated it did not all
111 have to be an official meeting in the Chamber.

112

113 Councilmember Laliberte noted community engagement was happening all around us, but it was
114 happening where the communities were and it was important to let the communities take over
115 their engagement.

116

117 Mayor Roe suggested a possibility was preparing a do-it-yourself engagement kit that could be
118 distributed to people if they wanted to get involved in community engagement that wasn't
119 exclusively related to civic engagement with government.

120

121 Grefenberg asked for clarification of the concept of 'bringing meetings to where the people
122 were'. Mayor Roe responded he believed they could set up meetings outside of the Chamber as
123 well as meeting people at their meetings such as Rotary. He stated if they knew where people
124 were, the City could go to them.

125

126 Commissioner Desiree Mueller stated she liked that idea in order to get in touch with people
127 where they were going to be.

128

129 Staff Liaison Bowman stated there were some things staff was doing such as the Twin Lakes
130 Discussion, fire department outreach to the Karen, Fridays with Fire Fighters, and others. He
131 stated they still had some ways to go, but he believed the City was doing some of the
132 engagement and heading in the right direction.

133

134 Councilmember Laliberte said she felt the City was in a good place, and the conference had
135 given them information on what else could be done. She stated they were sensitive to the fact
136 that the Commission had worked hard to get where they were today, yet now they were coming
137 to them with even more ideas. She asked how they felt about this.

138
139 Chair Grefenberg responded that it seemed to him the broad spectrum of roles and functions
140 alluded to by the Mayor and council member were in the original ordinance language governing
141 the Commission, but he sensed that the Commission wanted to start doing something, hence the
142 2015 priority work plan. He also admitted to a personal sense of being overwhelmed.

143
144 Councilmember Laliberte stated she hoped they could help clarify and help the Commission.

145
146 Mayor Roe agreed that they were giving the Commission lot of information and resources both
147 verbal and written, to be used by them as educational information. He noted this Commission
148 was a long-term Commission; this was presented to get them excited and give them ideas of
149 where the Commission could go in the future.

150
151 Grefenberg said he appreciated the important point of the Council being involved in community
152 engagement since the Commission could not do it by themselves. So he welcomed a workshop
153 discussion with the Council regarding this to give the Commission direction and assistance in
154 achieving their mutual goals.

155
156 Commissioner Ramundt said they had discussed talking to people within the City to see what
157 was going on before they did a conference, which she believed fit into what they were talking
158 about. She stated she was excited about the ideas and was interested in researching more ideas in
159 how to get people engaged.

160
161 Chair Grefenberg said in planning a conference/event the Commission needed to begin with the
162 neighborhoods that were already organized. He believed there were such resources out there
163 which were doing a good job in involving their neighbors.

164
165 Mayor Roe stated there was a lot of positive comment regarding neighborhood associations and
166 he believed the City was getting this right.

167
168 Councilmember Laliberte stated instead of looking at this as more, this would expand the role of
169 the Commission as they would be working with the groups who were already actively engaged.

170
171 Public Comment: Chair Grefenberg asked if anyone in the public wanted to comment on what
172 they had heard so far.

173
174 Diane Hilden, 466 Bay View Drive, stated she was delighted that everyone was talking about
175 this topic. She stated this scared her though because she knows what it was like to write this
176 kind of stuff, but it was extremely difficult to implement it.

177
178 Hilden continued that if they were talking about engaging people she believed engaging people
179 meant bringing them into the process and valuing what they had to say, as well as having an
180 incentive on all ends for the outcome because if there was not an incentive it would fail. She
181 wanted to see discussions and implementation of why this was a good thing. A lot of people
182 didn't want to go to meetings, but wanted to be involved and it was important to get out into the

183 community. She stated people get into the meeting mode and then there is the thing people do
184 afterwards such as meeting people at local establishments.

185
186 Councilmember Laliberte stated what they were sharing was a by-the-book list provided at the
187 conference, but the message she took away was that they needed to do things that were less
188 meeting-like and had to get into the community.

189
190 Chair Grefenberg stated that was why the Civic Engagement module for the website was
191 important because didn't require residents to go to meetings in order to participate. He stated
192 there were a lot of different ways to engage the community other than holding meetings

193
194 Mayor Roe said he took the authenticity needed for this process seriously and the Council really
195 did want people's input. They wanted to hear from residents and give them a stake in the
196 process; providing the feedback to participants was important also. He stated if people didn't get
197 the feedback, they would not come back to give their opinions.

198
199 Ms. Hilden encouraged an informal approach to get people involved in the community. She
200 stated they did not want the City to participate in civic engagement but rather to promote civic
201 engagement. She believed this was a source of confusion and something they needed to be
202 aware of.

203
204 Councilmember Laliberte added civic engagement in its best form was not done to people but
205 with people.

206
207 **In additional public comment** on this agenda item, Janet Henquinet stated she supported the
208 focus on process, especially if it was combined with a needs assessment which would give them
209 a lot of resources to share. She rhetorically asked if they ever consider not just the residents but
210 also the 100,000 people who come into the City every day, as are they a part of the community
211 too.

212
213 Vice Chair Becker stated one idea they have been discussing was to have other people come in
214 who have done this before to discuss with the Commission what has and what has not worked for
215 them. He asked if Mayor Roe or Council Member Laliberte had networked with anyone at the
216 conference who would be a good source of such information, to please let the Commission
217 know.

218
219 **Dialogue with Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights on Immigration and Civic**
220 **Engagement**

221
222 The Chair noted Madeline Lohman of the Minnesota-based Advocates for Human Rights would
223 be presenting tonight. He invited Wayne Groff , Chair of the Roseville Human Rights
224 Commission, to join the Commission at the table, as well as Roseville residents Diane Hilden
225 and Sherry Sanders.

226
227 Ms. Lohman stated that Advocates had worked on immigration issues for much of its existence.
228 She explained Advocates started doing community outreach on this issue before it published

229 their report on Immigrant Rights in Minnesota. From their three years of research it became
230 clear that people felt welcome in Minnesota on the surface and that people were polite and nice,
231 yet the Immigrant Community felt they were not getting the same access to education, housing,
232 and employment and that their own organizations did not have the same level of support as
233 groups that served established long-term residents.

234
235 Lohman noted the Roseville Human Rights Commission and her organization had organized last
236 January 2014 a public *Community Conversation on the Immigrant Experience in Minnesota*,
237 which was the best attended of any program held in the development of the Advocates final
238 state-wide report, *Moving from Exclusion to Belonging: Immigrant Rights in Minnesota Today*,
239 released last March.

240
241 Lohman said the next step was to take action on the Report's recommendations. She stated
242 Advocates was now taking the outreach and engagement model they had used and work with
243 some communities to advance their own agendas of being more welcoming of their diverse
244 residents. She stated they had a lengthy series of recommendations in their report. She pointed
245 out it was important to hold meetings in a different style also in order to blend cultural
246 expectations.

247
248 The Chair asked Lohman review their recommendations, specifically on pages 253, namely
249 *Immigrants are not always aware of community resources and opportunities for engagement*
250 *with the larger community*, and *Immigrants feel that organizations serving the broader*
251 *community do not reflect their priorities, encourage their leadership, accommodate their*
252 *cultural norms, or assist them in overcoming language barriers, which limits their participation.*

253
254 Ms. Lowman said Advocates had discovered was that there was often a self perpetuating cycle in
255 that city residents and employees communicated in ways that they expected to communicate
256 with, such as the City newspapers, website, and cable TV, but this was not thinking about how
257 immigrants got their news. She noted the immigrants relied for communication through
258 members of their community. She stated it was important to make sure the messages were in the
259 community places used by immigrants, such as in the grocery store and medical clinic. She
260 added the broader community needed to think about new venues.

261
262 Lohman continued that English language classes were also very important but the scope of those
263 varied on the availability of resources. It was important that English as a Second Language
264 (ESL) instructors knew about the city resources available to the immigrant community. She
265 stated there were a few communities who had staff whose sole job was to help immigrant
266 communities navigate the systems, individuals who were on call 24/7. She added an institution
267 could do this as well and it not need be a staff member. Those were the main ways of getting the
268 information out and once the connections were made they needed to do conscious education.

269
270 Chair Grefenberg commented that in Roseville the Police Department had taken the lead on these
271 types of issues, but so far it has been reserved for the police department. He stated one of the
272 Commission's charges from the Council was to identify barriers.

273

274 Ms. Lohman admitted the challenge was that it takes a long time to succeed everywhere. She
275 noted they needed to bring people in and since a lot of people worked based on personal
276 relationships having a person walk them in was crucial. She stated it was important to figure out
277 how to establish these personal relationships.

278
279 Other barriers common among low-income people were lack of time, language barriers, lack of
280 transportation, no childcare, etc. Other issues were cultural such as how different communities
281 approach meetings. She stated there were also issues as to how much power and influence
282 people were given knowing the limitations of community involvement. She stated this was a
283 complicated balance.

284
285 Ms. Hilden commented that typically language was a huge barrier, but beyond language there
286 were people who came from refugee camps so the concept of our society was not something they
287 understood or would understand quickly. However, the children would very quickly capture
288 American culture so there was a big difference between bringing to the table an immigrant who
289 has been in America for a few years and a new immigrant. She hoped they could engage an
290 immigrant culture for a very long time, commenting that there was not a one-size solution to
291 everything.

292
293 Ms. Lohman stated they wanted to be aware that there were things they were doing that they
294 thought were normative yet were confused why people were not participating. She stated they
295 needed to be aware of cultural differences.

296
297 Ms. Hilden asked who brings immigrants into the community. She understood there were
298 churches that brought people here, but she had a sense once they got them here they were sort of
299 abandoned. Ms. Lohman responded those sponsoring groups had limited resources.

300
301 Ms. Hilden responded immigrants needed some on-going contact with the sponsors who brought
302 them here in order to establish better communication with the broader community. She stated
303 this was very different in dealing with Somalians who had been here a long time.

304
305 Madeline Lohman responded that she had worked with a Somolian woman who relied on a
306 bunch of people who did not speak Somali, but this woman eventually found Somolian
307 resources. She agreed it was important to be in touch with the sponsoring agencies to see how
308 they could help.

309
310 Vice Chair Becker asked that although he understood that a good bridge into such communities
311 were the local community leaders and the children of adult immigrants, but absent that were
312 there any strategies that work when they lacked such a designated leader. Ms. Lowman
313 responded it did not have to be organic from the community, but someone who could establish a
314 trust within the community. She did not believe there was a single way and it would take time
315 for the community to trust someone.

316
317 Vice Chair Becker asked if besides via police department engagement were there other strategies
318 the City could directly connect with the immigrant community. Ms. Lowman stated they needed

319 an “organizer” who could do the street work and this was difficult with a volunteer organization
320 such as the Commission.

321
322 The Chair stated he believed the Commission needed to work with the Karen Organization of
323 Minnesota if they were going to try and identify immigrant barriers.

324
325 Ms. Sanders stated the Hmong community was very organized and she hoped the Commission
326 could help the Karen community also.

327
328 Mr. Groff , chair of the Roseville Human Rights Commission, commented that this did not
329 happen overnight but was a process; as a City they could offer the immigrant community more
330 resources.

331
332 Ms. Hilden said her neighborhood would very much like to be connected also so they could do
333 their part. She stated she did not like the ‘we/they’ mentality and she wanted to at least
334 recognize people and say hello. She said if neighbors could make such inroad, they could
335 facilitate some change.

336
337 Commissioner Ramundt stated residents were not even connected very well in the City and
338 stated they needed to work on how they did outreach and received feedback from everyone.

339
340 Chair Grefenberg said it was important for the City to invite immigrants and neighborhood
341 associations into staff meetings dealing with immigrant and neighborhood issues.

342
343 Ms. Lohman said she did not think of these as additional tasks but rather change the way they do
344 things such as how they announce City events. She stated their organization was willing to help
345 them on communication and how to host forums with the immigrant communities.

346
347 Chair Grefenberg encouraged the Human Rights Commission to review this report and possibly
348 consider some collaboration with the Community Engagement Commission.

349
350 **Old Business**

351
352 **a. Progress Reports on Priority Projects for 2015 (Continued)**

353 **1. Assist and Encourage the Formation of Roseville Neighborhood Associations**

354
355 Chair Grefenberg noted that the initial organizing meeting of the Neighborhood Associations
356 Task Force had occurred, and the Task Force had concluded they really needed the
357 Commission’s support in finding a couple of members to join it.

358
359 Commissioner Ramundt asked what had been done to find members so far.

360
361 Grefenberg responded that at his request Staff Liaison Bowman had talked to the City’s
362 Volunteer Coordinator. Staff Liaison Bowman stated it was on the City’s website volunteer
363 opportunity page as well as on other parts of the website. He suggested talking to someone at the

364 Roseville Review. Bowman did not believe it was included in any of the news updates, but
365 would include it in the next one.

366

367 **2. Host a conference on community engagement in Roseville**
368

369 The Chair recommended this be fully discussed at the next meeting due to the time constraints
370 and the absence of Commissioner Gardella.

371

372 Commissioner Mueller stated she did not believe there was a lot of value in doing a conference
373 at this time as they were just getting everything up and running. She suggested doing more
374 research on this.

375

376 The Chair said he understood from a Gardella e-mail (included in the packet) that the research
377 and planning would occur this year and the conference take place in 2016. He suggested
378 conference planners talk to the neighborhood associations also.

379

380 **3. Joint Task Force with the Planning Commission on Notification**
381

382 The Chair stated the task force has two appointees along with himself and Commissioner Manke.
383 He stated if anyone know of someone who wanted to be on this task force, to let him know.

384

385 **4. Online civic engagement module for new city website**
386

387 Vice Chair Becker stated he was cautiously optimistic that the Council was in support of a
388 module but had a concern regarding moderation and what sort of capabilities were there to keep
389 undesirable content off. He stated further research would need to be done in order to respond to
390 the Council's concerns.

391

392 Commissioner Ramundt asked if only certain parts of the module could be opened up. She asked
393 for example if the surveys could be opened up now.

394

395 Vice Chair Becker responded they could do this but the underlying moderation concerns were
396 still there once surveys were opened up for public input

397

398 Staff Liaison Bowman stated they could do a modified version and rather than allow two-way
399 communication, the communication would only flow into the city and not made available for the
400 public to see online.

401

402 The Chair noted this was coming back to the Council on March 2.

403

404 Staff Liaison Bowman opined that if they did not implement all of the software's capabilities, it
405 was not as useful.

406

407 The Chair requested a couple of the Commissioners attend the March 2 meeting to show support
408 and consider individually conversing with a Councilmember they knew.

409

410 Commissioner Ramundt stated unless there was a commitment by the city to respond to two-way
411 communication this was not going to work and they could be hurting themselves instead.

412
413 Staff Liaison Bowman stated he felt there was a strong commitment to two-way communication
414 by the city manager.

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416 **5. Involvement of Renters in Roseville Decision-Making and Civic Affairs in**
417 **General**

418
419 Because of time constraints the Chair stated this would be discussed at the next meeting.

420
421 **6. Implementation of Other Strategic Recommendations**
422 **a) Low-Hanging Fruit**
423 **b) Other Recommendations**

424
425 The Chair stated this would be discussed at the next meeting.

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427 **Other Old Business**

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429 None.

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431 **Chair, Committee, and Staff Reports**

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433 None.

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435 **New Business**

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437 **a. Rosefest Parade in June**

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439 The Chair stated they had the tees shirts and the sign. He stated he has the application and did
440 they want to participate this year. He asked for a consensus that they could apply for the parade.

441
442 Commissioner Mueller asked what they were hoping to achieve by participating in the parade.
443 Grefenberg responded that he believed parade participation would provide a higher profile for
444 the Commission in the broader community

445
446 Commissioner Manke stated they had time to think about this as to what they wanted to do and
447 how they wanted to do it.

448
449 Chair Grefenberg said he just wanted authorization to sign up for a position in the parade line-up
450 the Commission could - and should - discuss specifics at a future meeting. Commissioner
451 Manke noted the application did ask for information as to what they wanted them to say and she
452 believed he was too ahead of himself. She noted they had some time on this.

453
454 Vice Chair Becker asked if the application was due at a certain date and could parts be modified.
455 The Chair stated the final deadline was March 31 and items could be modified if necessary.

456

457 Commissioner Mueller stated she did not have an opinion on this either way but she would
458 support it if the rest of the Commissioners wanted to do it.

459
460 Commissioner Manke asked if they had a parade spot how many Commissioners would
461 participate. The Chair stated this was not relevant for tonight's discussion since they could
462 always cancel. Commissioner Ramundt believed it was relevant.

463
464 Commissioner Manke stated this was a great way to get exposure and fun. She stated generally
465 she was overcommitted when it came to the parade. She stated maybe they could have two
466 people and anyone else who wanted to come in or if they handed out something, they would
467 connect.

468
469 Commissioner Mueller commented she was not opposed to it.

470
471 Vice Chair Becker believed it was a fun event and one advantage of it was that it helped notify
472 people of the Commissions existence if for no other reason than to serve as a reminder that
473 residents can apply to serve on the Commission. Commissioner Manke said she wanted to see
474 some conversation on this.

475
476 Vice Chair Becker moved and Commissioner Manke seconded a motion to submit an application
477 for a space in the parade. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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479 **b. Other New Business**

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481 None.

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483 **Upcoming Items on Future Council Agendas**

484
485 Staff Liaison Bowman stated the Council had a fairly heavy agenda for the next meeting, but he
486 did not see anything on it for the Commission.

487
488 **Commission Communications, Reports, and Announcements**

489
490 The Chair reported there was a Twin Lakes Planning process for residents and others on
491 development at the Twin Lakes site on February 25 in the City Skating Center's Rose Room.

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493 Vice Chair Becker reported the City was inviting everyone to hear the Mayor's report on the
494 State of the City Address on Wednesday, February 25, at Affinity Credit Union.

495
496 Commissioners Manke and Miller reported there were two vacancies on the Ethics Commission,
497 one vacancy on the Financial Commission, one on Human Rights, two on Park & Rec
498 Commission, two on the Planning Commission, and two on the Public Works Environment and
499 Public Transportation Commission with a deadline of March 2.

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501 **Commissioner-Initiated Items for Future Meetings**

502
503 Commissioner Ramundt stated she had an email exchange with Pat Trudgeon regarding elections
504 for the Chair and he said the elections was at the April meeting.

505
506 Chair Grefenberg said he wished Ramundt would have talked to him since the Commission itself
507 had already determined last summer that chair/vice-chair elections were set for April; he added
508 they would occur at the end of that agenda.

509
510 Commissioner Ramundt said she would like at the March meeting to talk to whomever was
511 interested in the Chair and Vice Chair positions to discuss what they wanted to accomplish for
512 the next year and what their vision was for the Commission.

513
514 Grefenberg commented that at other Commissions such discussion was held at the same meeting
515 as the election. He added that he was not running for reelection as Chair so there would be an
516 opening at least for the Chair's position.

517
518 Commissioner Ramundt stated the reason she was recommending a discussion in March was so
519 the Commissioners could think about it and then have the vote in April. There being no objection
520 the Chair concluded that candidate discussion would be in March and the actual election in April.

521
522 Commissioner Mueller stated she would like a discussion on a welcome packet and how to go
523 about doing one. Chair Grefenberg suggested the April meeting since March's agenda was fairly
524 full; Commissioner Mueller responded having this on the April agenda was a good time for
525 discussion and would give her adequate time to prepare. Staff Liaison Bowman volunteered to
526 assist her.

527
528 The Chair stated he would also like to add to the March agenda a discussion on whether the
529 Commission should participate in the North Suburban Gavel Club.

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531 **Recap of Commission Actions This Meeting**

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533 The Commissioners reviewed the Commission actions taken at the meeting.

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535 **Adjournment**

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537 Vice Chair Becker moved and Commissioner Manke seconded a motion to adjourn. **Motion**
538 **passed unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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540 Attachments

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International Association
for Public Participation

IAP2 Core Values of Public Participation

As an international leader in public participation, IAP2 has developed the “IAP2 Core Values for Public Participation” for use in the development and implementation of public participation processes. These core values were developed over a two year period with broad international input to identify those aspects of public participation which cross national, cultural, and religious boundaries. The purpose of these core values is to help make better decisions which reflect the interests and concerns of potentially affected people and entities.

Core Values for the Practice of Public Participation

1. Public participation is based on the belief that those who are affected by a decision have a right to be involved in the decision-making process.
2. Public participation includes the promise that the public’s contribution will influence the decision.
3. Public participation promotes sustainable decisions by recognizing and communicating the needs and interests of all participants, including decision makers.
4. Public participation seeks out and facilitates the involvement of those potentially affected by or interested in a decision.
5. Public participation seeks input from participants in designing how they participate.
6. Public participation provides participants with the information they need to participate in a meaningful way.
7. Public participation communicates to participants how their input affected the decision.

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North Suburban Gavel Association

Progress Through Coordination

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Welcome to the North Suburban Gavel Association, also known as the **Gavel Club**. The purpose of the North Suburban Gavel Association, founded in 1964, is to facilitate the communication and cooperation of community organization leaders in the north suburban Ramsey County area, to keep leaders informed about community activities, and to recognize outstanding volunteer leaders. To view a current membership list, click [here](#).

Leadership Recognition Dinner



The 35th annual Leadership Recognition Dinner on Wednesday, **May 14, 2014** is in the books. Here's a picture of most of the awardees (one wasn't able to attend). They were nominated by member organizations or by past recipients, for their outstanding

leadership and volunteerism. See details about this event, and this picture, on a separate webpage.



Meetings of the Gavel Club are held monthly from September through June, on the third Wednesday of the month from 12:15 to 1:30 pm. at the Roseville City Hall. It's a bring-your-own bag lunch affair, with water and coffee provided. For directions and a map to City Hall, [click here](#).

Brief reports are made by member organizations, informing other Gavel Club members of upcoming events. Informed guest speakers give presentations on civic matters. The meetings are open to the public. Interested members can view the latest available meeting **agenda** and view the latest available meeting **minutes** on the Gavel Members page.

Membership is open to all organizations and agencies, as well as to individuals, in the north suburban Ramsey County area. Current annual dues are \$15.00. A membership form can be viewed and downloaded by clicking the link below, or we can mail it to you by requesting using the Contact Us form.



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**RECOMMENDATION ON
COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP
IN GAVEL CLUB
AGENDA ITEM # 6B**



**Outreach &
Communications
Committee**

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
COMMISSION MEETING
OF
MARCH 12, 2015**

March 5, 2015

Community Engagement Commissioners:

As mentioned at our last meeting there is a North Suburban Gavel Club which we may wish to join. It meets every third Wednesday of every month except the summer months of July and August.

Current members include:

- [Friends of Ramsey County Libraries](#)
- [Fishing For Fun](#)
- [Friends of Roseville Parks \(FOR Parks\)](#)
- [Kiwanis Club of North Suburban Golden K St. Paul](#)
- [Lake Owasso Garden Club](#)
- League of Women Voters of Roseville, Maplewood & Falcon Heights
- [North Suburban Evening Lions](#)
- [Northeast Youth and Family Services \(NYFS\)](#)
- [Ramsey County School Safety Patrol Foundation](#)
- Rosetown Playhouse
- Roseville Area School
- Roseville Community Fund
- Roseville Department of Parks and Recreation
- Roseville Visitors Association
- Rotary Club of Roseville

The Gavel Club on its web page explains its purpose as follows:

The purpose of the North Suburban Gavel Association, founded in 1964, is to facilitate the communication and cooperation of community organization leaders in the north suburban Ramsey County area, to keep leaders informed about community activities, and to recognize outstanding volunteer leaders.

One of the functions of our Commission, as determined by the Council, is:

Review and recommend opportunities to collaborate with neighborhood, community, educational, business, and social services groups and organizations.

So it seems like a natural fit.

Attached is a brief description from the Gavel Club's web page describing its activities.

Gary Grefenberg attended the last Gavel Club's monthly meeting and found it informative as to what other community groups were up to and a great opportunity to make them aware of our activities.

Committee Recommendation: the Commission join the Gavel Club at annual membership dues of \$15.