

Consumer Affairs Commission Minutes

October 12,2021

In attendance: Brian Augustine, Joanne Haeberlin, George Matthew, Anil Pillai, Ted Lavine, Nasko Pelinkaj, Howard Meyer (phone)
Excused: Biju Krishnan, Sam Pratap
Absent: Gary Merrill, Ruhul Chowdhury

Meeting was called to order at 6:32.

No intro topic.

Nasko reported we have no new or changes in the vendors. Reminder that there are only 4 markets left. Next Sunday is loyalty card redemption. Two businesses have donated gift cards. Kneads and Wants \$50. Skokie Theatre \$25. Brian to check about a gift certificate from Sketchbook. We also have some free item cards from several Skokie restaurants. We are currently out of the SNAP match money but Nasko is working on the possibility of securing more for the last month. There are over 1000 subscribers to the weekly market newsletter. Trick or treating day will be Oct 31 with the vendors handing out goodies. Some of the vendors will receive candy from the market to distribute. Some question as to why we have a "no dog" policy at the market. Nasko to double check. Nasko to double check on extra table for redemption day.

Joanne reminded CAC members that hopefully all our market volunteers can be there on the 17th. Also, on the 24th Joanne and George will be out of town. So, Biju will set up the stamping vendors about 7: 15 and Ted will come at 11:30 to remove signage.

Business of the Year 2021 is Turning Point Behavioral Care Center. Runners up are Kneads and Wants, Sketchbook, Poochies and Orange Therapy. Letters have been sent to these business informing them and inviting them to the presentation at the Skokie Board meeting on November 1. The residents who nominated these five businesses will receive an invitation from Brian to attend Trustee meeting. CAC members are also invited to attend. All other businesses who were nominated and returned their questionnaire will receive honorable mentions. Brian to secure frames for the certificates. The trophy was picked up from the 2020 winner and the 2021 winner has been added. Joanne will finish typing letters informing Honorable Mention businesses. Brian will inform Ann Tennes of these awards to include in NewSkokie and, hopefully, the newspapers.

Miscellaneous items mentioned were.... to ask Ann if these items could be included in the newsletter.... How to check on unclaimed personal property with the Treasurer's Office, sentence or two about frauds including the fraudulent QR codes, and how to block unwanted e-mails without using unsubscribe.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm

Joanne Haeberlin
Chair

