Agenda
Village of Glen Ellyn
Community Relations Commission
Thursday, May 12, 2022
7:00 PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Room 301

Meeting Procedures Statement

Members of the public are welcome to speak to any item not specifically listed on tonight's agenda. For those items which are on tonight's agenda, the public will have the opportunity to comment at the time the item is discussed. Individuals wishing to address the Commission shall exercise proper decorum and respect for the proceedings and the business of the Community Relations Commission, and shall refrain from abusive demeanor and language. Commissioners are not obligated to respond to questions.

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A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

C. Review of Minutes

D. Commission Liaison Reports

1) Trustee Liaison
2) Staff Liaisons (Adm/Police)
3) Library Liaison
4) Park District Liaison
5) School Districts

E. Audience Participation

F. Strategic Plan Update: Next Priority

1) Community Outreach Discussion

i. Welcome more diverse businesses
ii. Create Awareness & Educate; Community Calendar which could include Festival of Cultures
iii. Hold Commission meetings outside of Civic Center
iv. YMCA Annual Meeting and Champions Dinner: Celebrate our local Olympic athletes on May 26 at 5 pm at the Abbington
v. Community Relations Commission picture

G. Next Meeting

1) Scheduled for June 2 - Roosevelt Road Hotel Work Group Meeting Conflict
2) Summer Schedule: no meetings in July or August

H. Adjourn

Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Community Relations
Regular Meeting
April 7, 2022
7:00PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center Room 306

Board or Commission:	Community Relations	**Date:**	April 7, 2022
Meeting:	Regular	**Called to Order:**	7:09 p.m.
Quorum:	Yes	**Adjourned:**	8:24 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Sania Irwin	Chairman	Present
Mir Ali	Commissioner	Absent
Bill Enright	Commissioner	Present
Tauya Forst	Commissioner	Present
Mari Luangrath-Ullrik	Commissioner	Absent
Michelle Roman-Garcia	Commissioner	Present
Kim Thomas	Commissioner	Present
Sumaiya Syed	Youth Commissioner	Absent
Heaven Martin	Youth Commissioner	Absent
Also Present:		
Emily Rodman	Assistant Village Manager	Absent
Kelli Christiansen	Trustee Liaison	Present
Erika Krehbiel	District 41 Chief Communications Officer	Absent
Elisa Pollina	Recording Secretary	Present
Sophie Kenney	Library Youth Department Assistant Director	Present
Dave McDonald	Park District	Present
Phil Norton	Chief of Police	Absent
Mark Franz	Village Manager	Present
Public Present:		

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The April 7, 2022 regular meeting of the Community Relations Commission was called to order by Chairman Irwin at 7:09 PM. Chairman Irwin states there are a number of religious celebrations in the month of April – Ramadan – April 2-May 1, Vaisakhi – April 14, Passover-April 15, Easter – April 17, First Day of Ridvan – April 21.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 3, 2022

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM MARCH 3, 2022 OF THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING

MOTION BY: Commissioner Enright

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Forst

RESULT: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

C. COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS

1. *Library Liaison report* – Chairman Irwin states she would like to congratulate Sophie Kenney for being named Library Employee of the Year. Kenny reports we have a few DEI events coming up– It takes a Village Gender Identity on April 12 at 7:00 pm., Creating a More Just and Compassionate World on April 20 at 6:30 pm. The month of April we continue to sponsor the crayon and bread tag recycling event.

2. *Park District Liaison report* – Park District Liaison McDonald reports that there are a number of events in April and May - Earth Day Celebration – April 24 at Lake Ellyn Park, Family Bingo – May 6 at Ackerman, Touch a Truck – May 7 at Mary Knoll Park, Bike Rodeo, Movies in the Park throughout the summer and Jazz in the park on Wednesday nights. We are still hiring for our seasonal staff. Last month we discussed our parks and playgrounds. Most of our parks have some accessibility to them. Newton Park is will be completed before the summer. The park will have a sensory garden. It will be a multi-dimensional park for all ages. We also partner with WDSRA. It is an organization that provides special needs equipment and services. They are a great partner to work with.

3. *Trustee Liaison report* – Trustee Christiansen reports that the village board approved the DEI policy and the request to include it in the comprehensive plan. The CBD Streetscape construction has started. The first meeting of the ad hoc work group regarding the hotel redevelopment site on Roosevelt Road took place this week. There are about 15 people in this group. We kicked the meeting off with a question and answer session. There will be a series of 3 meetings. The next meeting is on May 4 at 7:00 pm at the Police Station Community Room. Once all 3 meetings are completed, a recommendation of 2-3 options for the hotel site will be made to the village board. The village board also approved to hire a

consultant to do an analysis of the housing in Glen Ellyn. This will be a 6 month process. Tea with Trustees is on Saturday from 9:00-11:00 at the Police Station Community Room.

4. *Staff Liaison Report-* Village Manager Franz reports that the Chamber is rethinking the carnival and taste of Glen Ellyn. The Carnival will be on May 18-20. We will be shifting the Taste of Glen Ellyn to a concert series that will include local restaurants on the first Thursday of the month starting in June through September. This will be held in the Crescent Parking lot. The Alliance will also be hosting their concert series.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

E. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. *DEI Training Feedback* – Village Manager Franz asks the CRC for their feedback on the DEI training. Chairman Irwin states it was excellent and it was great to hear perspectives of others. Commissioner Roman-Garcia states she thought it was a good high level overview. She would have liked to see more definitions and for the training to go deeper. Commissioner Enright states he thought it was enlightening. It would be nice to take this training regularly. Commissioner Forst thought the trainer was very engaging. Village Manager Franz states that we want to continue to do this training annually. He thanks the CRC for their feedback.

2. *Draft DEI Lens* - Chairman Irwin asks the CRC for their feedback on the draft of the DEI Lens. She adds this is to be used as a tool when work product and policies are generated. Commissioner Enright states it represents all we discussed. Commissioner Forst states she would like this reflected in the village mission and vision; this needs to be outward and inward facing. Trustee Christiansen states these questions need to reflect the village's reputation and commitment. The CRC suggests moving the question "Does this align with our vision for an equitable and inclusive entity" to the beginning of the document.

   Commissioner Roman-Garcia motions to approve the DEI Lens as amended. Commissioner Thomas seconds the motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE DEI LENS AS AMENDED
MOTION BY: Commissioner Roman-Garcia
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Thomas
AYES: Irwin, Enright, Forst, Roman-Garcia, Thomas

Commissioner Enright motions to suggest that the DEI Lens is included in the strategic plan and any other areas it pertains to according to Village board approval; Commissioner Forst seconds the motion.

MOTION TO SUGGEST THAT THE DEI LENS IS INCLUDED IN THE STRATEGIC PLAN AND ANY OTHER AREAS IT PERTAINS TO ACCORDING TO VILLAGE BOARD APPROVAL.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Enright

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Forst

AYES: Irwin, Enright, Forst, Roman-Garcia, Thomas

F. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING DATE

Adjournment- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Enright, and seconded by Commissioner Roman-Garcia. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Next Meeting Date – May 5, 2022

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Emily Rodman, Staff Liaison