



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Community Relations
Regular Meeting
May 12, 2022
7:06PM

Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Room 306

Board or Commission: Community Relations
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Date: May 12, 2022
Called to Order: 7:06 p.m.
Adjourned: 8:24 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Sania Irwin	Chairman	Present
Mir Ali	Commissioner	Present
Bill Enright	Commissioner	Present
Tauya Forst	Commissioner	Absent
Mari Luangrath-Ullrik	Commissioner	Present
Michelle Roman-Garcia	Commissioner	Present
Kim Thomas	Commissioner	Present
Also Present:		
Mark Franz	Village Manager	Present
Emily Rodman	Assistant Village Manager	Absent
Kelli Christiansen	Trustee Liaison	Absent
Dave McDonald	Park District Liaison	Present
Elisa Pollina	Recording Secretary	Present
Dawn Buss	Library Executive Director	Present
Public Present:		
Lindsey Anderson	Young Equal	

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The **May 12, 2022** regular meeting of the Community Relations Commission was called to order by Chairman Irwin at **7:06 PM** at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

Chairman Irwin states May 2nd marked the end of Ramadan. May is also Asian American Heritage Month.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 7, 2022

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM APRIL 7, 2022, COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING

MOTION BY: Commissioner Roman-Garcia

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Luangrath-Ullrik

RESULT: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

C. COMMISSION LIAISON INTRODUCTIONS/REPORTS

1. *Staff Liaison report* – Village Manager Franz reports we had 2 listening sessions on the hotel property on Roosevelt Road. There will be one more session on June 2nd. We are in the process of coming up with 5 alternatives for this site that will be vetted and evaluated. The CBD Streetscape project is underway. We are running on schedule and on budget. We offer weekly zoom meetings to keep the public updated on the project's progress. We are hoping to have Main Street fully open at the end of July. We are also trying to finalize the Comprehensive Plan; discussions will begin again on Monday.

Village Manager Franz asks the CRC if everyone received an invitation to celebrate the Wheaton & Glen Ellyn Olympic athletes. He adds if anyone on the commission is interested in attending to please let us know so we can purchase tickets. The event is scheduled on May 26.

2. *Park District Liaison report* – Dave McDonald reports the Park District is looking to get a referendum passed on June 28. This would help with improvements to Sunset Pool (which was built in the 1950's), upgrading Ackerman fitness center, Churchill Park, Village Green Park (field upgrades), Lake Foxcroft Park (new playground). We are also looking to purchase the property at Lenox Road and improve the trails and make it ADA compliant. Newton Park is now open. Upcoming events are bike rodeo, touch a truck, movies and jazz in the park and bingo for seniors. Seasonal hiring is still ongoing.

3. *Library Liaison report* – Executive Director Bussey reports we launched our new website to increase accessibility. Our summer reading program begins on June 1. June

is pride month; we will be hosting a “Let’s Talk” on June 3rd.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Lindsey Anderson, program director of Young Equals, states Young Equals is an organization that serves Glen Ellyn, Wheaton, and Lombard’s 11–23-year-old young adults of rainbow identity. She adds Young Equals hosts book clubs, writing classes and various other events. These events are free for our participants. Many businesses have contributed to our organization, and we look forward to partnering with the CRC. Chairman Irwin thanks Anderson for the work she is doing and states the CRC would be interested in partnering with Young Equals.

E. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE: NEXT PRIORITY

1. Community Outreach Discussion: Create Awareness & Educate: Community Calendar which could include Festival of Cultures: The CRC discusses how to have a community calendar which would include DEI events from all community entities. The CRC decides that event criteria would need to be established as well as timelines and procedures for calendar submissions so that the CRC can review and approve submissions before events are added to the CRC DEI calendar. Chairman Irwin asks Commissioner Luangrath-Ullrik to come up with the calendar criteria and submission process.

F. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING DATE

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

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Emily Rodman, Staff Liaison