Village of Glen Ellyn

Minutes
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Community Relations
Regular Meeting
October 6, 2022
7:06PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Clayton Room

Board or Commission:	Community Relations	**Date:**	October 6, 2022
Meeting:	Regular	**Called to Order:**	7:00 p.m.
Quorum:	Yes	**Adjourned:**	8:36 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Sania Irwin	Chairman	Present
Mir Ali	Commissioner	Absent
Bill Enright	Commissioner	Present
Tauya Forst	Commissioner	Present
Michelle Roman-Garcia	Commissioner	Present
Kim Thomas	Commissioner	Present
Sumaiya Syed	Student Commissioner	Present
Also Present:		
Mark Franz	Village Manager	Present
Grant Paplauskas	Communications Coordinator	Present
Kelli Christiansen	Trustee Liaison	Present
Jeannie Robinson	Superintendent of Recreation Services	Present
Elisa Pollina	Recording Secretary	Present
Dawn Bussey	Library Executive Director	Present
Robert Bruno	District 41 School Board President	Present
Public Present:		

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The October 6, 2022 regular meeting of the Community Relations Commission was called to order by Chairman Irwin at 7:00 PM at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

Chairman Irwin states October is Hispanic Heritage Month – September 15-October 15.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2022, COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING

MOTION BY: Commissioner Enright

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Forst

RESULT: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

C. COMMISSION LIAISON INTRODUCTIONS/REPORTS

1. *Trustee Report* – Trustee Christiansen reports at the last board meeting we discussed the Comprehensive Plan. The board also voted on the up-zoning and unanimously voted not to increase available stories. The available stories will be kept at 55 feet. The Environmental Commission is hosting an Oaktober event. We are in budget season. The Village is closing on the U.S. bank site and will be partnering with the park district to develop a park on that land. The pedestrian tunnel will soon be getting a mural. The Plan Commission will be discussing the hotel property's 5 concepts which will include various types of housing and commercial development. The concepts can be found on the village website. Trustee Christiansen encourages everyone to review and share their comments.

Commissioner Thomas adds I reviewed the concepts and they do not take DEI into consideration. I encourage the CRC to review.

Commissioner Roman-Garcia asks if the information includes how much affordable housing there currently is in Glen Ellyn. Our role is to look at the needs assessments, so equitable decisions can be made.

Trustee Christiansen adds community input was sought and that is how the 5 concepts were developed. I encourage everyone to review the concepts and comment or write to the board. The CRC can vote on a concept it is in favor and put forth a recommendation to the board; or the CRC can attend a board meeting and speak on this during public comment.

Commissioners Forst and Thomas state they will review the concepts' presentation and will bring items for discussion to the next CRC meeting.

2. *Park District Liaison Report* – Superintendent Robinson reports the shoreline at Lake Ellyn is complete. Skate park redevelopment has started. We have seen an uptick in scholarship requests, 2021 we had 72, 2022 so far we've had 98. We have awarded $34,000. We are looking to distribute our scholarship flyers in both English and Spanish and distribute to schools and counselors to get the word out. Oaktober Fest is this weekend at Mary Knoll. Grandparents and Me program will be at the boathouse on Monday October 10. Our winter playbook comes out in November.

3. *Library Liaison Report* – Director Bussey reports libraries are here to serve everyone in the community. We have had some complaints about wanting the library to remove certain books. We need to have all types of books to serve everyone. Bussey adds this is why we need the DEI guide written so we can help organizations, individuals and groups on their DEI journey. Chairman Irwin states this is the community outreach the CRC is working on and once completed, this will make a difference.

4. *Staff Report* - Communications Coordinator Paplauskas reports the village board will be reviewing phase 2 construction of the CBD streetscape.

5. *School District Liaison* – District 41 School Board President Bruno reports on the ballot in November, Glen Ellyn School District 41 residents will vote on a $49 million bond referendum that will solve our significant space issues. The proposed plan would build a new elementary school on our Spalding Park property and a new early learning preschool center addition to our Churchill School. Ninety percent of Illinois schools have full day kindergarten; we are one of very few districts who currently do not offer full day kindergarten. The new school will help properly size the schools so we are able to offer full day kindergarten in all schools. The district has held information sessions on this referendum. There are 2 more listening sessions planned. We also went public yesterday with our redistricting plans. We are able to grandfather in all 5th graders at 100% and maybe their siblings. Bruno thanks the CRC for the great work they are doing.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

E. COMMISSION ACTION DISCUSSION

1. Meeting Dates – The CRC reviews the 2023 meeting calendar and will meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm with the exception of July & August which will be cancelled.

2. Planning Speaker/Programs with Partners – Student Commissioner Syed spoke with the Tricksters and they are interested in partnering with the CRC. She invited them to attend tonight's meeting but they were not able to attend. Chairman Irwin asks the CRC what we want out of this partnership. Commissioner Enright states if we could get someone from the Tricksters to come and talk to us about what they are and what they do, then we can determine how we want to partner with them. Student Commissioner Syed will reach out to the Tricksters and invite them to one of the upcoming CRC

meetings.

3. DEI Resource Guide Draft – Commissioner Roman-Garcia asks the CRC who is the audience, what the goal is and how we want to use the DEI Resource Guide. The CRC discusses and decides the audience will be organizations and individuals. The goal is to meet them where they are in their DEI journey and help them along. Commissioner Roman-Garcia will work on a draft for the November meeting.

F. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING DATE

Adjournment- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Enright and seconded by Commissioner Thomas. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Grant Paplauskas, Staff Liaison