



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Community Relations
Regular Meeting
January 12, 2023
7:06PM

Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Clayton Room

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

Date: January 12, 2023
Called to Order: 7:00 p.m.
Adjourned: 8:23 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Sania Irwin	Chairman	Present
Mir Ali	Commissioner	Present
Bill Enright	Commissioner	Present
Tauya Forst	Commissioner	Present
Michelle Roman-Garcia	Commissioner	Present
Kim Thomas	Commissioner	Present
Sumaiya Syed	Student Commissioner	Absent
Also Present:		
Grant Paplauskas	Communications Coordinator	Present
Kelli Christiansen	Trustee Liaison	Absent
Dave McDonald	Park District Liaison	Present
Elisa Pollina	Recording Secretary	Present
Dawn Bussey	Library Executive Director	Present
Public Present:		

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The January 12, 2023 regular meeting of the Community Relations Commission was called to order by Chairman Irwin at 7:00 PM at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 10, 2022

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 10, 2022, COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING

MOTION BY: Commissioner Roman-Garcia

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Enright

RESULT: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

C. COMMISSION LIAISON INTRODUCTIONS/REPORTS

1. *Trustee Report – No report*

2. *Park District Liaison Report* – Park District Liaison McDonald reports the Park District is kicking off its summer staffing. We are looking to hire park district maintenance workers, camp counselors, life guard and various other summer positions. The upcoming Spring/Summer brochure will be coming out next month. Scholarships for 2023 are now open to Glen Ellyn residents. There will be a preschool open house at the end of the month and on February 4. Frozen Fest at Polar Plaza is this weekend 10:00-12:00. The skate park has been replaced at Newton Park. Today we had held our free donuts and bingo. We had about 40 participants. We will continue to offer this event monthly on the third Thursday of every month beginning at 10:30.

3. *Library Liaison Report* – Director Bussey reports the library has been busy working on our summer programming. We will be having our summer reading program again this year; partnering with the Food Pantry

4. *Staff Report* - Communications Coordinator Paplauskas reports we had the grand opening today for the Taylor Avenue Tunnel. We had a great turnout. News stations ABC & CBS were there to report on the grand opening and it was on the 6:00 evening news. The tunnel turned out really nice.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

E. COMMISSION ACTION DISCUSSION

1. DEI Resource Guide – Commissioner Roman-Garcia presents the DEI Resource Guide Draft to the CRC. She states this is a framework. We will need to determine what resource links we would like to include in this document. I reviewed other communities DEI resource guides and many of them are several pages long.

Commissioner Thomas adds we want this to be a framework for the community at large,

businesses and schools.

Commissioner Forst adds format is everything and we want to structure this document in a way that is consumable. We want people to read it.

Library Liaison Bussey adds perhaps we can frame this as “Tips for Implementing/Starting the DEI Journey”. There would be a number of tips on how to start the DEI journey. Staff Liaison Paplauskas states or we can call the document “Social Sensitivity Tips”.

The CRC discusses next steps for the document. The commissioners ask for more time to review the document. Commissioner Roman-Garcia will send the document over in a google doc so each commissioner can review and provide their feedback and comments. The CRC thanks Commissioner Roman-Garcia for all her work on the draft document.

2. Cultural Partnerships – No report

3. Program Planning – Chairman Irwin reports on January 16 the People’s Community Church in Glen Ellyn will have a Dr. King Workshop 10:30-1:30. She has volunteered to be a panelist at this event.

The CRC discusses future events. The next event will be a Fireside Chat with the CRC on June 1 at 7:00 pm following the regularly scheduled CRC meeting. Library Liaison Bussey will check library availability for this event.

F. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING DATE

Adjournment- Commissioner Enright motions and Commissioner Ali seconds to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

The next meeting – February 2, 2023.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Grant Paplauskas, Staff Liaison