



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Community Relations
Regular Meeting
February 2, 2023
7:06PM

Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Clayton Room

Board or Commission: Community Relations
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: No

Date: February 2, 2023
Called to Order: 7:00 p.m.
Adjourned: 8:41 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The February 2, 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 JANUARY 12, 2022 deferred to next meeting when quorum is present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 10, 2022, deferred to next meeting when quorum is present for COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING

MOTION BY: Commissioner

SECONDED BY: Commissioner

RESULT:

C. COMMISSION LIAISON INTRODUCTIONS/REPORTS

1. *Trustee Report* – Trustee Gould reports the Village is asking residents to check their intake water pipes in their homes for lead. The village would like to document water service lines that are lead and have them replaced. Information on how to do this is on the village website. A housing steering committee is being formed to work with the consulting group on the type of housing that is desired in Glen Ellyn. There is a survey and all residents are encouraged to take the survey. Staff Liaison Paplauskas states the response rate so far is very good. Two percent of the Glen Ellyn population has taken the survey. Gould reports we are still reviewing the comprehensive plan. The new draft was posted on Monday and it includes the DEI policy.

2. *Park District Liaison Report* – Park District Liaison reports the Park District will be holding a summer employment job fair on March 2. We are renaming some of our programs and activities to be more inclusive. We are looking to partner with other organizations in town for programming. The summer camp and spring registration begin on Saturday and preschool registration will begin on Monday. The number of the scholarships the park district gave out in 2022 increased from 2021.

3. *Library Liaison Report* – Director Bussey thanks Commissioner Thomas for bringing a children's book that we did not own and now we do. We thank her for that. The library has been selected as 1 of 15 libraries in the nation to hold the Human Migration Exhibit on July 22-July 28, 2024. We are very excited about this exhibit coming to our library. We will develop the programming around this exhibit. This will be set up on the second floor of the lobby. More to share in the future.

4. *Staff Report* - Communications Coordinator Paplauskas reports Historic Preservation Annual awards are now taking nominations. The Chamber of Commerce Glen Ellyn Community Awards are also taking submissions. Submissions for the GE Community Awards will be taken until February 10 and the awards will be presented at the event in

March.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

E. COMMISSION ACTION DISCUSSION

1. DEI Resource Guide – Commissioner Roman-Garcia will add this document to a google drive next week for commissioner feedback.

2. Cultural Partnerships – Chairman Irwin reached out to the Tricksters to see if they can attend one of the CRC meetings. She is still waiting to hear back. The CRC discusses having an event with the Tricksters in the fall and partnering with the Park District to assist with executing and facilitating the event.

3. Program Planning – Commissioner Forst states COD is hosting several Black History month events that the CRC can take part in. The one that would fit our schedule would be the Dusable Museum tour on Saturday February 18 10:00-3:00. Chairman Irwin asks the CRC if anyone can attend. An email will be sent out to those commissioners who were not in attendance at tonight's meeting to check if they are available to attend. The CRC discusses partnering with David Swope, DEI Specialist from COD, to host conversations in the park and cultural dancing. This would be a series of events and would be in partnership with the Park District. Commissioner Forst will work with the Park District and Swope on what an event like these will look like. The library and village has also offered to assist in advertising these events once scheduled.

The CRC discusses future events. The next partnered CRC event will be CommYounity a Fireside Chat with the CRC at the library on June 1 at 7:00 pm following the regularly scheduled CRC meeting.

F. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING DATE

Adjournment- Commissioner Enright motions and Commissioner Ali seconds to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

The next meeting – March 2, 2023.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Grant Paplauskas, Staff Liaison