

**VILLAGE OF GLEN ELLYN
COMMUNITY RELATIONS
MARCH 2, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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

Called to
Order: 7:00P.M.
Adjourned: 8:38P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER

The March 2, 2023 meeting of the Community Relations Commission was called to order at 7:00P.M. at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center; 535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn, Illinois by Chair Irwin.

B. ROLL CALL

Sania Irwin	Chair	Present
Mir Ali	Commissioner	Present
Bill Enright	Commissioner	Excused Absence
Tauya Forst	Commissioner	Present
Michelle Roman-Garcia	Commissioner	Excused Absence
Kim Thomas	Commissioner	Excused Absence
Nancy McKee	Commissioner	Present
Sumaiya Syed	Student Commissioner	Present

Also, Present:

Grant Paplauskas	Communications Coordinator	Present
Kelli Christiansen	Trustee Liaison	Excused Absence
Dave McDonald	Park District Liaison	Excused Absence
Aileen Haslett	Recording Secretary	Present
Dawn Bussey	Library Executive Director	Excused Absence
Jim Monson	Police Commander	Present

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 12, 2023 MEETING

1. MOVE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING FROM 1/12/2023 AS PRESENTED.

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried
MOVER: Commissioner Syed
SECONDER: Commissioner Ali
AYES: Ali, Forst, Irwin, McKee, and Syed
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Enright, Roman-García, and Thomas

D. COMMISSION LIAISON INTRODUCTION/REPORTS

1. Trustee Report

Chair Irwin shared Trustee Christiansen's report in her absence. At the last Village Board meeting, a four (4) year contract with the Police union was approved. There

are continual negotiations regarding the US Bank site, which was recently purchased by the Village for park space. Discussions with several developers regarding the former hotel site on Roosevelt are still ongoing. Nominations for the historic preservation award are currently being accepted. The Environmental Commission will hold their Recycling Extravaganza at the College of DuPage on Saturday, April 29, 2023.

This past week, there were some white nationalism pamphlets placed on driveways and residents reported this to the Police. Commander Monson said the Police Department takes this matter seriously and is monitoring the situation. Commander Monson asked residents to please call the Police Department so they can take action. Resident Donna Jean Simon asked if this is considered trespassing. Commander Monson responded it could be considered littering. Commissioner Forst inquired if there was any camera footage of this. Commander Monson replied no.

Chair Irwin recommended the Community Relations Commission make a Value Statement to the Village Board regarding this. Chair Irwin would like the Value Statement to be read at the March 13, 2023 Village Board Meeting. Commissioner Ali agreed to work on the Value Statement and share with the Community Recreation Commission by the end of the weekend.

MOTION THAT THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION MAKE A STATEMENT OF INCLUSION IN LIGHT OF CURRENT INCIDENTS TO THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Forst

SECONDER: Commissioner McKee

AYES: Ali, Forst, Irwin, McKee, and Syed

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Enright, Roman-García, and Thomas

2. Park District Report
No report.

3. Library Report
No report.

4. School District Report
No report.

5. Staff Report
Communications Coordinator Paplauskas said March 21 marks World Down Syndrome Day and in honor of this the Village is participating in the Rock your Socks Drive. A sock collection bin is located at the Civic Center and at the Glen Ellyn Police Department. The collected socks will be delivered to the Peoples Resource Center in Wheaton.

Discussion ensued regarding a community calendar that could include dates for the many different religious holidays celebrated by Glen Ellyn residents. Chair Irwin

suggested that the Community Recreation Commission could work closely with the Glen Ellyn library on this. Commissioner Forst said we could include a disclaimer on the calendar stating that this is not an exclusive list and that suggestions are welcome. Commissioner Forst suggested the Community Relations Commission list be reviewed again. Chair Irwin agreed that reviewing the list would be a good exercise to remind the Community Relations Commission

E. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

F. COMMISSION ACTION DISCUSSION

1. DEI Resource Guide

Chair Irwin asked if one of the Commissioners could co-lead DEI Resource Guide efforts with Commissioner Roman-Garcia. Commissioner Ali agreed to assist with the project. Chair Irwin will forward the DEI Resource Guide draft to Commissioner Ali.

2. Cultural Partnerships

Commissioner Forst provided an update on the salsa event. College of DuPage holds a similar event and the coordinator was able to provide some guidance. This event costs about \$550 which covers the DJ and the instructor fees. Communications Coordinator Paplauskas noted the budget for the Community Relations Commission is \$500. Discussion ensued regarding partnerships for this event including the Glen Ellyn Park District and College of DuPage's Latin American Studies and Community Outreach Department. There was also some discussion of partnering with a local Glen Ellyn restaurant to provide food for the event. Chair Irwin suggested holding this event in June or August.

3. Program Planning

Commissioner Forst discussed possibly working with Exodus World Services, which offers an engaging refugee journey simulation experience. The Commission concurred to possibly offer this event in September. Resident Donna Jean Simon suggested working with the churches and DuPage United on this project. Commissioner Syed noted it would be good to hold this event in September for Glenbard West students. Chair Irwin is working with the League of Women Voters to host a Women's History event in March. For the Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in May, the Commission is looking to partner with Glenbard West. Chair Irwin would like to host a Native American event in the fall. Commissioner McKee inquired if the Commission is planning anything for Juneteenth. Chair Irwin said last year the Board prepared a Proclamation and hopes to do this again this year.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner McKee moved and Commissioner Forst seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38P.M.

H. NEXT MEETING – 4/6/2023

Submitted by Aileen Haslett, Recording Secretary
Reviewed by Communications Coordinator Grant Paplauskas