



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Community Relations
Special Meeting
June 1, 2023
6:00P
Glen Ellyn Public Library

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

Date: June 1, 2023
Called to Order: 6:00 p.m.
Adjourned: 7:33 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Sania Irwin	Chairperson	Present
Mir Ali	Commissioner	Present – late arrival at 6:10
Bill Enright	Commissioner	Present
Tauya Forst	Commissioner	Present
Michelle Roman-Garcia	Commissioner	Present
Nancy McKee	Commissioner	Present – late arrival 6:08pm
Kim Thomas	Commissioner	Present
Sumaiya Syed	Student Commissioner	Absent

Also Present:

Grant Paplauskas	Communications Coordinator	Present
Donna Jean Simon	Trustee Liaison	Present
Dawn Bussey	Library Executive Director	Present

Public Present:

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The June 1, 2023 regular meeting of the Community Relations Commission was called to order by Chairperson Irwin at 7:00 PM at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 4, 2023 MEETING

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM May 4, 2023 COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING

MOTION BY: Commissioner Enright

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Thomas

RESULT: Unanimous

C. COMMISSION LIAISON INTRODUCTIONS/REPORTS

1. *Trustee Report* –Trustee Simon reports the Village Board will be reviewing the Comprehensive Plan one more time this evening.
2. *Park District Liaison Report* – Jeanie reports the Director search is moving forward and we have received about 60 applications and the candidates are being narrowed down. We hope to have the position filled by the end of July. Summer is upon us, camps start on Monday.
3. *Library Liaison Report* – Director Bussey reports we are kicking off our summer reading program. Summer reading is not only for children, it is also for adults and to entice adults to sign up, we are giving away chocolate bars. Chairperson Irwin and I did a walk through and the Refugee Simulation will work in the library. It will be an amazing program. We are still waiting on dates. This event will take place in the spring.
4. *Staff Report* – No report

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

E. COMMISSION ACTION DISCUSSION

1. Programs/Events/Activities
 - Juneteenth Proclamation with Village Board – Chairperson Irwin discussed with Trustee Simon on the CRC being part of the proclamation. If the proclamation is approved by the Village board we can add it to the newsletter and add it to the CRC webpage.

Commissioner Roman-Garcia motions to join the Juneteenth proclamation with the Village Board and upon approval to communicate the proclamation in the village newsletter and CRC website; Commissioner Enright seconds the motion.

APPROVAL TO JOIN THE JUNETEENTH PROCLAMATION WITH THE VILLAGE BOARD AND COMMUNICATE THE PROCLAMATION IN THE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER AND ON THE CRC WEBSITE

MOTION BY: Commissioner Roman-Garcia

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Enright

RESULT: Unanimous

- Cultural Dance Salsa Event for Fall 2023. Commissioner Forst reports we want to make sure this event is culturally relevant. Chairperson Irwin requested we host this in the COD pavilion; however the Warhol event is there until September 23. There are a few options to choose from that would be great options. I have a meeting with COD on June 26 to discuss this event. The COD culinary student team is interested in participating. Everyone is onboard to do this event and have more community involvement. I would like to give COD a range of dates.
 - Refugee Experience Simulation with Exodus World Services, for Fall 2023 – Commissioner Forst states we are meeting on June 19 to decide on the space and date. We will want to invite our COD classes to this event. We are looking at a Tuesday at 9:00am, 11:00am and 12:30pm which allows professors to bring their students to the event. We could also offer a session or two at night if there is interest. We can run 50 people through the experience. Chairperson Irwin states she would like to offer an evening session so Trustees and village employees can attend.
 - Native American / Indigenous Community Partnership for Fall 2023 – Trustee Simon reports local professors were invited to speak who were native American when this event last took place at the Glen Ellyn History Center. Discussions were facilitated in a restorative circle setting/experience. It was a very meaningful experience. This is something that can be done at this event. Chairman Irwin states the CRC will try to get the professors together for this event.
 - Refugee Experience Simulation with Exodus World Service for Spring 2024 (will be held at the Glen Ellyn Public Library) Chairperson Irwin reports we need to decide on a date and time for this event in March or April.
2. Community Relations Commission Impact Report – Chairperson Irwin reports last fall I did a presentation on the work the CRC has done to the Village Board. I would like to do this again this year. Chairperson Irwin asks the CRC if they have any changes to the report (see attached). She adds, I would like to present to the Village Board in the summer and would like to include a budget request of \$5,000 for next year in the presentation. Chairperson Irwin states she will share the budget request with the CRC for review.

3. Commissioner McKee motions to approve the presentation for the Village Board with the potential addition of the budget request; Commissioner Ali seconds the motion.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS IMPACT REPORT

MOTION BY: Commissioner McKee

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Ali

RESULT: Unanimous

4. DEI Resource Guide – Chairperson Irwin states some of the commissioners had a hard time accessing the resource guide to review. Commissioner Roman-Garcia states the area I need help with is the resources and links to include in this guide. We want to also include *Why DEI* and *What can you do now* are topics that are low hanging fruit for this guide. Chairperson Irwin states the high level structure is good and yes we do need a brochure. The intention of this guide is to help businesses and individuals in the community on their DEI journey. We want to have a brochure that is a resource and also create a much larger complete document for the journey (20 pages). Commissioner Forst states the current draft guide gives a nice overview. We do need images and graphics in this document to give it more interest and make it more palatable. We also need to have background and alphabetized definitions in this guide with steps to lead the reader on their journey. Chairperson Irwin asks the CRC to review the draft guide over the summer.

F. Glen Ellyn: CommYOUity Fun for Everyone!

- G. Announcement** – Chairperson Irwin states Commissioner Forst is rolling off the commission at the end of her term in July. I want to thank her for all her work and for how much she has moved this commission forward with all her contributions. The CRC thanks Commissioner Forst.

H. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING DATE

Adjournment- Commissioner Roman-Garcia motions and Commissioner Enright seconds to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

The next meeting – September 7, 2023.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Grant Paplauskas, Staff Liaison