



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Community Relations
Regular Meeting
November 2, 2023
7:00PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center

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

Date: November 2, 2023
Called to Order: 7:09 p.m.
Adjourned: 7:54 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Sania Irwin	Chairperson	Absent
Mir Ali	Commissioner	Present
Molly McGinnis Knapke	Commissioner	Present
Nancy McKee	Commissioner	Present
Robert Moorehead	Commissioner	Present
Maariya Quadri	Commissioner	Present

Also Present:

Grant Paplauskas	Communications Coordinator	Present
Donna Jean Simon	Trustee Liaison	Present
Dawn Bussey	Library Executive Director	Present
Elisa Pollina	Recording Secretary	Present

Public Present:

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The November 2, 2023 regular meeting of the Community Relations Commission was called to order by Chairperson Pro Tem McKee at 7:09 PM at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 5, 2023 MEETING – Deferred to next meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM October 5, 2023 COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING
DEFERRED TO NEXT MEETING

MOTION BY: Commissioner

SECONDED BY: Commissioner

RESULT: Unanimous

C. COMMISSION LIAISON INTRODUCTIONS/REPORTS

1. *Trustee Report* – Trustee Simon informs that the recent village newsletter has announced the reopening of the downtown area. She encourages everyone to show support for the local businesses.

2. *Park District Liaison Report* – No report

3. *Library Liaison Report* – Director Bussey informs the commission that the "World on the Move" exhibit is scheduled for July. The library included this information in its annual newsletter, which has prompted negative feedback from a community member who expressed dissatisfaction with the exhibit. There are concerns about potential additional negative reactions regarding this exhibit.

4. *Staff Report* – Staff Liaison Paplauskas emphasizes a significant effort is underway to increase downtown business. A new billboard is in the works, which will be strategically placed on Roosevelt Road, to promote shopping in the downtown area.

Ongoing discussions continue regarding the U.S. Bank site with joint efforts from the Village and the Park District. A meeting is scheduled for November 16 at 7:00 pm at the Spring Avenue Recreation building to discuss park designs. Additional information about the project can be found at gepark.org.

Paplauskas provides the 2024 Community Relations Commission meeting schedule and mentions it will be published at the beginning of the year. He encourages members to reach out if there are any concerns with the schedule

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

E. COMMISSION ACTION DISCUSSION

1. DEI Resource Guide - Commissioners Ali and Moorehead have reviewed the document and are currently making additional changes. Commissioner Moorehead mentioned they are in the process of simplifying the language. After this phase, they plan to share the document with the commission in the upcoming weeks for feedback. Chairperson Pro Tem McKee added that Chairperson Irwin aims to have the document approved at the next CRC meeting.

2. Recognition Days/Months Write-ups on Website - Chairperson Pro Tem McKee submitted the write-up for American Indian & Alaska Native Heritage Month (November) and requested Staff Liaison Paplauskas to add it to the website. The following days have been identified as particularly significant to consider, *For example (months): Black History Month (February), Women's History Month (March), Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month (May), LGBTQ Pride Month (June), Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 - October 15), American Indian & Alaska Native Heritage Month (November)* *For example (days): Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (third Monday of January), Juneteenth (June 19), Indigenous Peoples Day (second Monday of October).* Chairperson Pro Tem McKee invites commission members to contribute write-ups for the identified days/months. Commissioner Ali volunteers for Women's History Month and Commissioner Quadri volunteers for Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Chairperson Pro Tem McKee updates the commission on the two vacant commissioner positions and encourages members to reach out to potential candidates, urging them to submit applications.

F. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING DATE

Commissioner Knapke motions and Commissioner Quadri seconds to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

The next meeting – December 7, 2023.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Grant Paplauskas, Staff Liaison