



Agenda
Village of Glen Ellyn
Community Relations Commission
Thursday, March 13, 2025
7:30 PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Room 301

Meeting Procedures Statement

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- A. **Call to Order**
- B. **Roll Call**
- C. **Review of Minutes**
 - 1) February 6, 2025 Community Relations Commission Minutes
- D. **Audience Participation**
- E. **Commission Action Discussion**
 - 1)
 - **Movie partnership** with College of DuPage.
 - **Contribution of about \$550 for the movie license** for the movie partnership with College of DuPage.
 - **Did You Know Series write-up for Women's History Month** (attached).
 - **Reminder: Belonging In A Thriving Community** session is on Friday, March 21, 2025, 12:00pm - 1:00pm.
- F. **Next Meeting - April 3, 2025**
- G. **Adjourn**



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Community Relations
Regular Meeting
February 6, 2025
7:00PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center

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

Date: February 6, 2025
Called to Order: 7:00 p.m.
Adjourned: 8:19 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Sania Irwin	Chairperson	Present
Mir Ali	Commissioner	Present
Molly McGinnis Knapke	Commissioner	Absent
Amanda Musacchio	Commissioner	Present
Nancy McKee	Commissioner	Present
Maariya Quadri	Commissioner	Present
Alisha Badie	Student Commissioner	Present
Also Present:		
Kelley Kalinich	Trustee	
Grant Paplauskas	Communications Coordinator	
Elisa Pollina	Recording Secretary	
Public Present:		

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL - The February 6, 2025 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 January 22, 2025 MEETING

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM January 22, 2025 COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING as amended

MOTION BY: Commissioner McKee

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Badie

RESULT: Unanimous

C. COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS

1. *Government Partners* – No report

2. *Police Department* – No report

3. *Village Board* – Trustee Kalinich shared several updates, beginning with the Full Circle development project. The developer will be presenting at tonight's public Plan Commission meeting regarding the proposed affordable housing project at the former hotel site on Roosevelt Road. The first step is securing approval from the Plan Commission, after which the project will go before the Village Board in late February or early March.

She also provided an update on the Train Station project, stating that the Village has secured several federal grants to help fund the initiative. The team is currently verifying the availability of these funds and moving forward with engineering and planning.

Regarding Micro Mobility Devices—including bikes, scooters, and e-bikes—Kalinich noted that discussions are ongoing. The Board recently held a workshop to review the use of these devices on sidewalks, as current ordinances prohibit their use, though enforcement has been inconsistent. Safety concerns from the community have been raised, prompting research into how other municipalities handle similar issues. The potential for e-bikes to be permitted on streets is also under consideration.

4. *Staff Report* – Staff Liaison Paplauskas shared several updates, including the launch of the ADA Transition Plan study. The first public meeting will take place this month, and the study will assess streets and sidewalks throughout Glen Ellyn to ensure ADA compliance. This initiative is being funded by a grant from CMAP.

Additionally, College of DuPage will host the Hokusai and Ukiyo-e – The Floating World Exhibit, an art installation at the McAninch Arts Center (MAC). As part of this cultural initiative, two murals will be created—one in downtown Glen Ellyn and another at Paris Baguette. The exhibit and murals will be accompanied by various cultural and educational events throughout the village. The installation and celebration will take place from May through September.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

E. COMMISSION ACTION DISCUSSION

1. *Community Belonging Training* - Chairperson Irwin shared that she and Commissioner Ali met with trainer Dominique Baldin to discuss strategies for engaging businesses, village staff, and commissioners. As a result, they developed a training series titled "Belonging in a Thriving Community" (see attached handout).

Irwin outlined the training roadmap, which includes three sessions, each covering a distinct topic and potentially incorporating interactive activities to enhance engagement. The sessions will be held on weekdays during lunchtime, allowing village staff to participate. The Community Relations Commission reviewed and approved the approach, confirming that the event will be officially sponsored by the CRC.

The training sessions will take place at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center, with lunch provided by the CRC. The commission reviewed potential dates and selected March 19, April 23, and May 21.

Next Steps:

- Commissioner Quadri will create an Evite invitation to track RSVPs.
- Quadri will also explore food options, including potential sponsorships from Glen Ellyn businesses.
- Chairperson Irwin will coordinate securing a venue, with Grant Paplauskas assisting by connecting her with the appropriate village staff.
- Chairperson Irwin and Commissioner Ali to confirm dates with trainer.

Training Sessions Overview:

Session 1 - Knowing Self, Knowing Others – Focuses on self-awareness and unconscious bias.

Session 2 - Cultural Competence – Explores who makes up the community and shared commonalities.

Session 3- Opportunities to Participate in Different Cultures – Encourages engagement with diverse cultural experiences.

2. Did You Know Write-up(s) - Chairperson Irwin thanked Commissioner Badie for compiling the film list for Black History Month. The CRC then reviewed the Black History Month write-up. Commissioner Quadri motioned to approve the write-up as presented, with Commissioner Badie seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson Irwin suggested highlighting community members alongside the "Did You Know" write-ups by featuring individuals who embody the spirit of the month being recognized. She proposed creating a community profile template to showcase these individuals. In addition to community members, the initiative could also spotlight students from both high schools and possibly the College of DuPage. Chairperson Irwin then asked if a commissioner would be interested in leading this effort. Commissioner Musacchio volunteered to take the lead, with Commissioner Badie assisting.

Commissioner Quadri volunteered to write the "Did You Know" feature on Ramadan.

3. Dance/Cultural Event Partnership with COD in February - Commissioner Musacchio provided an update, stating that after following up with COD, a spring event will not take place. However, there is potential for consideration in the fall.

F. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING DATE

Commissioner Badie moved and Commissioner Ali seconded to adjourn the meeting.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Next meetings – March 6, 2025. (Commissioner McKee Chairperson Pro-Tem),
April 3, 2025 (Commissioner McKee Chairperson Pro-Tem),
May 8, 2025

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Grant Paplauskas, Staff Liaison



Community Relations Commission

Did You Know ...

March 2025

Women's History Month

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Source: [Key Stats in Honor of Women's History Month – U.S. Census Bureau](#),
[Data on Advances Made By Women – U.S. Census Bureau](#).

Fun Facts: Women's History Month

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How It All Started

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STEM Careers on the Rise

- In 1970, women made up 8% of STEM* workers and 38% of workers overall.
- By 2019, women in STEM occupations had more than tripled to 27%, and women made up about 48% of the workforce.

Note: STEM is science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. STEM jobs include computer specialists, mathematicians, and engineers. STEM-related occupations consist of architects and healthcare workers.



Civic Duty

- A higher percentage of women 18 years and older were registered to vote and participated more in the voting process than men.
- In 2022, 53% of women voted, compared to 51.3% of men.



Average Age of Women Giving Birth Is Going Up

In 2022, more women ages 30 to 34 had a recent birth than women ages 25 to 29; In 2011, the reverse was true – more women ages 25 to 29 had a recent birth than women ages 30 to 34.

Did You Know?



Did you know there were about 1.9 million more females aged 85 and older (4.2 million) than males (2.3 million) in 2022?

Educational Attainment

Women 25 years of age and older have the following as their highest degree:

- 25% have a high school diploma or equivalency.
- 10% have an associate degree.
- 22% have a bachelor's degree.
- 15% have a graduate or professional degree



Women in the Workplace

- More than half (59%) of women ages 16 and older participated in the workforce in 2022.
- They made up 47% of the workforce.

Female Population

Over 168 million. There were 168,004,004 women living in the United States – or 50.4% of the population in 2022.

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Census
Bureau



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2022 American Community Survey, 1-Year and 5-Year Estimates; 2022 Population Estimates, November 2022 Current Population Survey



Source: [Women's History Month Fun Facts – U.S. Census Bureau](#),
[Women's History Month Fun Facts Infographic – U.S. Census Bureau](#).

Additional Resources

[For Women's History Month, a look at gender gains – and gaps – in the U.S. – Pew Research Center.](#)

[Films to Consider \(at viewers discretion\)](#)

[Top Movies for Women's History Month – IMDb.](#)

[50 Films to Watch During Women's History Month – Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences.](#)



Community Relations Commission

Did You Know ...

March 2025

Women's History Month – Additional Context and Inspirations

Introduction

March is a special month dedicated to celebrating Women's History, an opportunity to honor the contributions and achievements of women throughout history. This celebration is not just about reflecting on the past but also about inspiring the present and future by acknowledging the powerful impact women have made and continue to make in society.

Why Celebrate Women's History Month?

Women's History Month serves as a reminder of the significant roles women have played in shaping our world. From suffragettes like Harriet Tubman and Susan B. Anthony, to pioneers in aviation like Amelia Earhart, and literary giants like Maya Angelou, March is a time to educate and reflect on the enduring impacts of women.

Origins of Women's History Month

The celebration officially began in 1987, but its roots trace back to 1978 in Sonoma, California, with Women's History Week. Following national recognition by President Jimmy Carter in 1980, Congress expanded the celebration to a month-long observance in 1987, marking March as a period of national reflection and celebration of women's historical achievements.

The Significance of March

The choice of March for Women's History Month ties back to early 20th-century movements for women's rights, including the notable Women's Suffrage Parade in Washington, D.C., on March 3, 1913. March also aligns with International Women's Day on March 8, further emphasizing the global recognition of women's contributions.

2025 Theme: Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations

The theme for Women's History Month 2025, announced by the National Women's History Alliance, celebrates the collective strength and influence of women who have dedicated their lives to education, mentorship, and leadership. Through their efforts, they have served as an inspiration for all generations — both past and present.

Celebrating Women's Contributions

This month, and every day, we recognize the courageous women who have broken barriers and paved the way for future generations. Their work, from local initiatives to global efforts, underscores the critical role women play in inspiring transformative actions.

How to Participate

- **Support Female-Owned Businesses:** Make a conscious effort to support businesses owned by women.
- **Educate and Share:** Learn about influential women throughout history and share their stories to inspire others.
- **Host Discussions:** Encourage dialogue about the importance of women's history in schools, workplaces, and communities.

Conclusion

Women's History Month is a time to celebrate and reflect on the profound impact of women's contributions to society. As we look back at the achievements of women throughout history, let's also commit to supporting and uplifting the voices of women today. Join us in honoring the legacy and ongoing efforts of women in shaping a brighter future for all.

Learn More and Get Involved

- Visit the National Women's History Museum: <https://www.womenshistory.org>
- Explore resources and ways to get involved with the National Women's History Alliance: <https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/>