



Agenda
Village of Glen Ellyn
Community Relations Commission
Thursday, May 8, 2025
7:00 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) *March 13, 2025 Community Relations Commission Minutes*
- 2) February 6, 2025 Community Relations Commission Minutes

D. Liaison Reports

E. Audience Participation

F. Commission Action Discussion

- 1)
 - Reminder: Operating Principles.
 - Illinois Citizens for Race Amity: Presentation by Jim Percic.
 - Did You Know Series: Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.
 - Belonging In A Thriving Community: Session 1 (Belonging & Connections) on 3-21-2025, Session 2 (Cultural Competence) on 5-7-2025, Session 3 in planning.
 - Engaging Community: CRC Work and Impact - Intro Presentation to Glen Ellyn Chamber of Commerce on 6-10-2025, 9:00am.
 - Commissioner Nancy McKee will represent CRC.
 - Community Relations Commission description for Village website (<https://www.glenellyn.org/267/Boards-Commissions>):
 - "Engages the community and Village institutions, so all are able to fully participate in all aspects of Village life."
 - Proposal: Rotating Presentation by Liaisons (Glen Ellyn Public Library, Glen Ellyn Park District, Glen Ellyn School Districts (87, 41, 89), Glen Ellyn Police Department, Village of Glen Ellyn, Glen Ellyn Village Board).

G. Adjourn - Next Meeting June 5, 2025



Minutes
 Village of Glen Ellyn
 Community Relations
 Special Meeting
 March 13, 2025
 7:00PM
 Glen Ellyn Civic Center

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

Date: March 13, 2025
Called to Order: 7:00 p.m.
Adjourned: 8:07 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Sania Irwin	Chairperson	Absent
Mir Ali	Commissioner	Absent
Molly McGinnis Knapke	Commissioner	Present
Amanda Musacchio	Commissioner	Present
Nancy McKee	Commissioner	Present
Maariya Quadri	Commissioner	Present
Alisha Badie	Student Commissioner	Present
Also Present:		
Donna Jean Simon	Trustee	
Grant Paplauskas	Communications Coordinator	
Public Present:		

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL - The March 13, 2025 special meeting of the Community Relations Commission was called to order by Chairperson Pro-Tem McKee at 7:00 PM at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM February 6, 2025 Meeting - Deferred to next month when a quorum is present

C. COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS

1. *Government Partners* – No report

2. *Police Department* – No report

3. *Village Board* – Trustee Simon shared several updates: The village is one of 30 municipalities in Illinois awarded funds to conduct a survey and report on ADA compliance. This ADA Transition Plan will assess every sidewalk and street in the village to identify potential issues and ensure compliance during future street work. Every municipality is required to have an ADA Transition Plan in place by 2028, identifying any deficiencies. Beginning next week, areas south of Roosevelt Road will be photographed and evaluated as part of this process. CMAP is leading the initiative, and Grant Paplauskas serves as the village's compliance officer.

Approval has been granted for Full Circle Communities to develop affordable housing on Taft Avenue.

The Village Board has approved the Event Park, with the Park District now responsible for implementing Phase 1.

A workshop was held last Monday to discuss the use of mobility devices, such as e-bikes and scooters, in the downtown area. The Village Board is still evaluating the issue. There was also discussion about conducting a resident survey to gather input and guide future decisions. Currently, all wheeled devices are prohibited on sidewalks in downtown Glen Ellyn.

4. *Staff Report* – No report

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

E. COMMISSION ACTION DISCUSSION

1. Film Screening of *Sharma* with COD – Commissioner McGinnis provided an update on the upcoming film screening in collaboration with the College of DuPage (COD). The cost to partner is \$531, which will help cover the expense of the movie license. To promote the event, the CRC will work closely with COD and create flyers to generate awareness. McGinnis also plans to reach out to the social studies and science departments at local high schools to encourage student participation.

An evening showing is being requested, with potential dates set for April 15 and April 24. Additionally, the Environmental Commission will be invited to participate in the event.

Commissioner McGinnis motioned to approve a budget of \$550 or less to secure the movie license for the screening of *Sharma* in partnership with COD. Commissioner

Quadri seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with all members in favor.

2. Belonging in a Thriving Community, Education Series – The program is scheduled for Friday, March 21, 2025, at 12:00 PM at the Glen Ellyn Public Library. Registration will close on March 6, and lunch will be provided for attendees.

F. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING DATE

Commissioner McGinnis moved and Commissioner Quadri seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Next meetings – April 3, 2025 (Commissioner McKee Chairperson Pro-Tem),

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Grant Paplauskas, Staff Liaison



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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.

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

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Community Relations Commission *Did You Know ...*

May 2025

Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

“Congress in 1978 passed a resolution creating Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week. It expanded the observance to a month (May) in 1992, timed to coincide with two important milestones in Asian/Pacific American history: arrival of the first Japanese immigrants in the United States (May 7, 1843) and completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869 (the majority of workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants).”

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau: Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month](#)

Learn more about the Model Minority Myth (stereotyping and its harmful impacts), Angel Island Immigration Station (contrasting the experience at Angel Island vs. Ellis Island), and a family’s story of enduring Japanese Internment, through the resource links below.

Fun Facts:
Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

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What's the Age?
About 36—Median age of the Asian population in the U.S. in 2022.

Asian-Owned Businesses
About 1 out of 10 or 642,950
The estimated number of Asian-owned businesses in the U.S. in 2022. (This number only represents unincorporated businesses.)

Occupations
Occupations of the Asian population in the U.S. in 2022:
• Management, Business, Science and Arts - 57%
• Sales and Office - 16%
• Service - 15%
• Production, Transportation, and Material Moving - 10%
• Natural Resources, Construction, and Maintenance - 3%

Educational Attainment
Over half (50.7%)—The percentage of the Asian alone population age 25 and older who had a bachelor's degree or higher level of education in 2022.
Almost 9 out of 10 (89.9%)—The percentage of the Asian alone population age 25 and older who had at least a high school diploma or equivalent in 2022.

Total Asian Population
About 22M or 24 million—The number of Asians in the U.S. in 2022. These states had the largest and smallest percentages of Asian residents:
56.6% Hawaii
1.2% West Virginia

Birthplace Populations of Famous Asian Americans
Sammy Lee - Fresno, California (Pop. - 442,003)
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Vanessa Anne Hudgens - Salinas, California (Pop. - 163,542)
James Vu "Jim" Porras - Norwalk, CA (Pop. - 102,773)
Wataru "Wat" Mizuta - Ogden, UT (Pop. - 87,325)
Asian American parents guard of Japanese internment who, before their children in a post-World War II era, had to leave their homes and the land of their birth to live in the U.S.

Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander (NHOPI) Facts
Total Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Population
1.6 million—The number of NHOPI residents in the U.S. in 2022.
Hawaii (27.7%)—The state with the nation's largest share of NHOPI population.

714,847—The number of Native Hawaiian residents in the U.S. in 2022. The Native Hawaiian population was the largest detailed NHOPI group in the U.S., followed by:
• Samoan - 264,392
• Guamanian or Chamorro - 152,006
Note: These estimates represent the number of people who reported a specific detailed NHOPI population, as well as those who reported that detailed NHOPI group in combination with one or more other NHOPI groups or other races.

Birthplace Populations of Famous NHOPI Americans
Jerry "Boo" Aieema - Long Beach, California (Pop. - 466,742)
David "Daddy" Konoikiola Bray - Honolulu, Hawaii (Pop. - 350,946)
Eddie Akau - Kahala, Hawaii (Pop. - 28,279)
Occupations of Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Business Residents with earnings more than \$100,000:
• Management, Business, Science and Arts - 34%
• Service - 20%
• Sales and Office - 23%
• Production, Transportation, and Material Moving - 15%
• Natural Resources, Construction, and Maintenance - 8%

What's the Age?
Nearly 30—Median age of the NHOPI population in the U.S. in 2022.
Nearly 3 out of 10 (25.8%)—The percentage of the NHOPI alone population age 25 and older who had a bachelor's degree or higher level of education in 2022.
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Additional Resources

[Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage and History in the U.S. – National Endowment for the Humanities.](#)

➤ Learn more about Model Minority Myth and Angel Island Immigration Station.

[Centering Asian Artists in the American Story – National Gallery of Art.](#)

➤ Learn more about a family’s story of enduring Japanese Internment.

[Asian / Pacific American Heritage Month – National Gallery of Art, The Library of Congress, Smithsonian, National Archives, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, National Park Service, National Endowment for the Humanities.](#)