



**MEETING MINUTES
CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMISSION (CIC)
Tuesday, June 22, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Remote Participation**

I. Call to Order

Acting Chair Pond called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Greg Kolar, Curtis Lott and Acting Chair FrankPond.

Absent: Rebecca O'Brien

Also present: Deputy Village Clerk Linda DeViller

III. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Commissioner Greg Kolar and seconded by Commissioner Curtis Lott to approve the agenda as presented. A roll call was taken and the motion was approved. The roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Curtis Lott, Greg Kolar and Acting Chair Frank Pond.

Nayes: None

Absent: Rebecca O'Brien

IV. Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Deputy Village Clerk Waters then read into the record a statement that the Village President has determined that an in-person public hearing is not practical or prudent due to the COVID-19 outbreak during Governor Pritzker's current disaster proclamation. It is also not feasible to have a person present at the public hearing due to the safety concern related to the COVID-19 outbreak.

V. Approval of meeting minutes from April 15, 2021

It was moved by Commissioner Curtis Lott and seconded by Commissioner Greg Kolar to approve the minute as presented. A roll call was taken and the motion was approved. The roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Curtis Lott, Greg Kolar and Acting Chair FrankPond.

Nayes: None

Absent: Rebecca O'Brien

VI. Applicant Interviews:

Juanta Griffin – Housing Programs Advisory Committee

Juanta Griffin shared her background and the work she has done in the village. She is a lifelong renter in Oak Park and feels that renters are not being represented in the village. She wants to bring the renters' perspective and voice to the committee.

Cathy Flowers – Community Relations Commission

Cathy Griffin shared her background and her experience with diversity and community work. She expressed her interest in getting more involved in the Oak Park community and feels she can add value to the commission.

Justin Johnson – Citizens Police Oversight Committee

Justin Johnson is a recent transplant to Oak Park but has had ties to the community for years. Justin shared his background as a lawyer. He would like his children to enjoy and have the same freedom as every other child in Oak Park regardless of their skin color, and a fundamental aspect of that is increasing the transparency and accountability of the police force.

Keith Spencer – Housing Programs Advisory Committee

Keith Spencer shared his background in Finance and his public housing and government consulting work. He would like to bring his perspectives as a renter and a landlord to the committee's conversations.

VII. Reports:

Vacancy and Liaison Reports

Acting Chair Frank Pond gave an overview of the commission vacancies and recent reappointments. The Commissioners agree there needs to be a more in-depth discussion on recruitment to fill the remaining vacancies; how can they get the word out to the community, especially renters, about how they can get involved and that it is safe to get involved post-COVID.

VIII. Work Plan Review:

This item was tabled.

IX. New Business:

Applicant Discussion

Acting Chair Frank Pond requested more clarity with the communications for the applicants regarding application requirements.

After discussion, Commissioner Curtis Lott motioned to endorse the appointment of all applicants interviewed as vacancies permit, with the caveat the applicants need to review posted meetings and meeting minutes per the application requirements. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Kolar. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved. The roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Curtis Lott, Greg Kolar and Acting Chair Frank Pond

Nayes: None

Absent: Rebecca O'Brien

X. Adjourn

It was moved by Commissioner Curtis Lott, seconded by Commissioner Greg Kolar to adjourn the meeting. A roll call vote was taken at 8:24p.m. The roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Curtis Lott, Greg Kolar and Acting Chair Frank Pond

Nayes: None

Absent: Rebecca O'Brien

NEXT MEETING: July 20, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda DeViller, Deputy Village Clerk