



**MEETING MINUTES
CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMISSION (CIC)
Wednesday, August 10, 2022, 7:00p.m.
Remote Participation**

I. Call to Order

Chair Kolar called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Eid, Kill, Lott, Wesonga and Chair Kolar

Absent: None

Also present: Village Clerk Christina M. Waters

Village Clerk Waters 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.

III. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Commissioner Eid and seconded by Commissioner Wesonga to approve the agenda as presented. A roll call was taken and the motion was approved. The roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Eid, Kill, Lott, Wesonga and Chair Kolar

Nayes: None

Absent: None

IV. Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

VI. New Business:

A) A Motion to Conduct Volunteer Applicant Interviews for the Following Individuals to be Considered for an Advisory Board, Commission and/or Committee

It was moved by Commissioner Eid, seconded by Commissioner KILL, to Conduct Volunteer Applicant Interviews for the Following Individuals to be Considered for an Advisory Board, Commission and/or Committee. A roll call vote was taken. The roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Eid, Kill, Lott, Wesonga and Chair Kolar.

Nayes: None

Absent: None

Susan Stall: Aging in Place Commission

Susan Stall has been working is on aging issues as an activist and a policy advisor for the past 5 years and was a founding member of Arbor West Neighbors. As President of Arbor West Neighbors, they wrote and received a generous grant last summer for innovative ways to reach isolated adults in the Oak Park area. In 2017 they coordinated a committee to organize a forum on Creative Housing Option for Older Adults. They continue to work with others who are committed to intergenerational housing and public spaces and serve on the Park District of Oak Park’s Active Aging Adults Committee which advocated for the first intergenerational play equipment at Randolph Park.

Advocating for people to age with dignity and to age intergenerationally are important to ensure mature adults are not segregated from their community.

Clay Ewing: Civic Information Systems Commission

Clay Ewing is a Professor of Interactive Media who recently moved to Oak Park. A life-long technophile, Clay has worked in the Information Technology field for many years and enjoys creating social impact games focused on advocacy and social justice. He looks forward to share his expertise to improve the quality of life for the community,

Kate Odom: Board of Health

Kate Odom’s professional background is as a child and family clinical psychologist with a specialty in trauma. Kate has experience in facilitating conversations with groups in collaborative work to stay focused while balancing a variety of perspectives and viewpoints. They feel there needs to be representation of experts in mental health weighing in on public health initiatives, policies, and practices, and is excited to bring their perspectives and professional expertise in mental health to the Board of Health.

Robert “Drew” Miller: Citizen Involvement Commission

Drew Miller is a corporate attorney, consultant, and legal program/operations director. New to Oak Park, Drew believes merging fresh perspectives with those of long-time residents can help foster increasing community involvement. A “networker” at heart and having served on several corporate and community-oriented non-profit boards, he looks forward to working to grow engagement as well as build strength in existing structures in service to his new community.

Carollina Song: Citizen Involvement Commission

Carollina Song has a lot of volunteer experience in the community and local Boards. Carollina has always been interested in fostering civic participation, and has informally helped recruit for village commissions. She is deeply interested in community and access to information and informed participation and was involved with the non-partisan Activist Toolkit, which collects information about candidates for local municipal elections, with an eye toward facilitating civic knowledge and engagement.

Ron Elling: Citizen Involvement Commission

Ron Elling has lived in Oak Park for over 30 years. His professional career has been spent in city government, a not-for-profit coalition, higher education, and religious organizations doing a variety of roles from data entry, finance, database management, event planning, and management positions. He sees the CIC as the hub than enables the other commissions to do their work through recruiting and looks forward to bringing his volunteer recruitment, planning and marketing background to the CIC.

VII. Motion to Enter into Executive Session

It was moved by Commissioner Lott, seconded by Commissioner Wesonga, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) – to discuss the appointment of volunteers to the Village at 8:03 P.M. A roll call vote was taken. The roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Eid, Kill, Lott, Wesonga and Chair Kolar.

Nayes: None

Absent: None

VIII. Return to Open Session

The meeting returned to Open Session at 8:13 P.M.

- It was moved by Commissioner Eid, seconded by Commissioner Wesonga, to Approve the Recommendation to the Village President to Appoint Susan Stall to the Aging in Place Commission. A roll call vote was taken. The roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Eid, Kill, Lott, Wesonga and Chair Kolar.

Nayes: None

Absent: None

- It was moved by Commissioner Wesonga, seconded by Commissioner Lott, to Approve the Recommendation to the Village President to Appoint Clay Ewing to the Civic Information Systems Commission. A roll call vote was taken. The roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Eid, Kill, Lott, Wesonga and Chair Kolar.

Nayes: None

Absent: None

- Chair Kolar asked for a motion to table the recommendation of Kate Odom to the Board of Health to the next CIC meeting as there will be additional applicants to the Board of Health for review. It was moved by Commissioner Lott, seconded by Commissioner Eid, to table the recommendation. A roll call vote was taken. The roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Eid, Kill, Lott, Wesonga and Chair Kolar.

Nayes: None

Absent: None

- It was moved by Commissioner Eid, seconded by Commissioner Wesonga, to Approve the Recommendation to the Village President to Appoint Drew Miller to the Citizen Involvement Commission. A roll call vote was taken. The roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Eid, Kill, Lott, Wesonga and Chair Kolar.

Nayes: None

Absent: None

- It was moved by Commissioner Kill, seconded by Commissioner Wesonga, to Approve the Recommendation to the Village President to Appoint Carollina Song to the Citizen Involvement Commission. A roll call vote was taken. The roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Eid, Kill, Lott, Wesonga and Chair Kolar.

Nayes: None

Absent: None

- It was moved by Commissioner Wesonga, seconded by Commissioner Eid, to Approve the Recommendation to the Village President to Appoint Ron Elling to the Citizen Involvement Commission. A roll call vote was taken. The roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Eid, Kill, Lott, Wesonga and Chair Kolar.

Nayes: None

Absent: None

IX. Adjourn

It was moved by Commissioner Lott, seconded by Commissioner Wesonga, to adjourn the meeting. A roll call vote was taken at 8:26 PM. The roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Eid, Kill, Lott, Wesonga and Chair Kolar

Nayes: None

Absent: None

NEXT MEETING: September 7, 2022 at 7:00PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda DeViller, Deputy Village Clerk