



**Citizen Involvement Commission
Regular Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, May 3, 2023
7:00 PM
Village Hall 123 Madison Street, Room 101**

- A. Call to Order**
- B. Roll Call and Declaration of a Quorum**
- C. Agenda Approval**
- D. Public Comment**

Public statements of up to three minutes will be read into the record at the meeting. Individuals should email statements to PublicComment@oak-park.us to be received no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. If email is not an option, you can drop comments off in the Oak Park Payment Drop Box across from the entrance to Village Hall, 123 Madison Street, to be received no later than the day prior to the meeting.

- E. New Business**
 - 1. A Motion to Conduct a Volunteer Applicant Interview for the Following Individual to be Considered for an Advisory Board, Commission and/or Committee:
 - a. Derek Eder – Environment & Energy Commission
 - b. Tejas Shah – Environment & Energy Commission
 - c. Michael Cochran – Transportation Commission
 - d. Peter Weismantle – Zoning Board of Appeals
 - 2. Review of Vacancy Report
 - 3. [Review of Appointments Report from the April 24, 2023 Board of Trustees Special Meeting](#)
- F. Advisory Committees, Commissions, and Boards CIC Liaison Reports**

This section is intended to be informational.
- G. Consideration of Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session**
 - 4. 5 ILCS 120/(c)(1) – Motion to Enter into Executive Session to Discuss the Appointment Recommendations of Volunteers to the Village of Oak Park’s Advisory Commissions, Committees and Boards.
- H. Reconvene to Regular Meeting**
- I. New Business Continued**
 - 5. A Motion to Approve the Volunteer Appointment Recommendation to the Village President of Derek Eder to the Environment & Energy Commission
 - 6. A Motion to Approve the Volunteer Appointment Recommendation to the Village President of Tejas Shah to the Environment & Energy Commission
 - 7. A Motion to Approve the Volunteer Appointment Recommendation to the Village President of Michael Cochran to the Transportation Commission
 - 8. A Motion to Approve the Volunteer Appointment Recommendation to the Village President of Peter Weismantle to the Zoning Board of Appeals
 - 9. Discussion of Agenda Items to be Added to Upcoming Citizen Involvement Commission Meetings
- J. Old Business**
 - 10. Discussion of the [2023 Work Plan](#) Group assignments
- K. Adjourn**

If you require assistance to participate in any Village program or activity, contact the ADA Coordinator at 708.358.5430 or email ADACoordinator@oak-park.us at least 48 hours before the scheduled activity.



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1. Derek Eder

2. Tejas Niranjn Shah

a. [Environment & Energy Commission](#)

- i. Vacancies: 1
- ii. Commission Chair: Liz Lukehart
- iii. VOP Staff Liaison: Marcella Bondie Keenan, Chief Sustainability Officer, Village Manager's Department
- iv. CIC Liaison: Commissioner Sheila Wesonga

3. Michael Cochran

a. [Transportation Commission](#)

- i. Vacancies: 2
- ii. Commission Chair: Ron Burke
- iii. VOP Staff Liaison: Jill Juliano, Transportation Engineer, Public Works Department
- iv. CIC Liaison: Commissioner Robert (Drew) Miller

4. Peter Weismantle

a. [Zoning Board of Appeals](#)

- i. Vacancies: 1
- ii. Commission Chair: Jim Lencioni
- iii. VOP Staff Liaison: Michael Bruce, Zoning Administrator, Development Customer Services
- iv. CIC Liaison: Commissioner Carollina Song



Board and Commission Vacancy and Chair Expiration Date Report

Updated on: Monday, May 1, 2023

Vacancies

Board or Commission	# of Members	Current # Filled	Vacancies
Aging in Place Commission	7	7	0
Board of Health	7	7	0
Building Codes Advisory Commission	9	7	2
Citizen Involvement Commission	9	9	0
Citizen Police Oversight Committee	7	7	0
Civic Information Systems Commission	7	6	1
Community Design Commission	11	6	5
Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee	9	8	1
Community Relations Commission	9	6	3
Disability Access Commission	7	5	2
Environment & Energy Commission	9	8	1
Farmers Market Commission	11	8	3
Fire And Police Commission	3	3	0
Historic Preservation Commission	11	10	1
Housing Programs Advisory Committee	7	5	2
Liquor Control Review Board	5	5	0
Plan Commission	9	9	0
Transportation Commission	7	5	2
Zoning Board Of Appeals	7	6	1
Totals:	151	127	24

Chair Expirations

Board or Commission	Chairperson	Term Expiration Date
Aging in Place Commission	Blesoff, Marc	8 /1 /2025
Board of Health	Chavez, Noel	3 /15/2024
Building Codes Advisory Commission	Kelly, Tim	5 /18/2022
Citizen Involvement Commission	Kolar, Greg	12/7 /2023
Citizen Police Oversight Committee	Pepper, Donovan	11/7 /2023
Civic Information Systems Commission	Baker, David	11/4 /2025
Community Design Commission	Betancur, Juan	12/7 /2023
Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee	Celis, Andrew	5 /2 /2025
Community Relations Commission	Rodriguez, Jacquelyn	10/3 /2025

Disability Access Commission	Arnold, Gary	9 /6 /2025
Environment & Energy Commission	Lukehart, Liz	10/17/2025
Farmers Market Commission	Knier, Julia	3 /21/2025
Fire And Police Commission	Hedgeman, John	2 /22/2017
Fire And Police Commission	Pickrell, Robert	12/7 /2023
Historic Preservation Commission	Garapolo, Louis	3 /6 /2026
Housing Programs Advisory Committee	Tocci, Dominic	8 /1 /2022
Liquor Control Review Board	Corbin, Sarah	9 /17/2024
Plan Commission	Sims, Iris	10/5 /2023
Transportation Commission	Burke, Ron	7 /29/2025
Zoning Board Of Appeals	Lencioni, Jim	10/18/2026



APPOINTMENTS

04/24/2023

Citizen Police Oversight Committee

Reappoint as Member

Name: Curtis Lott

Term: 2

Term Expiration Date: 2 /18/2026

Reappoint as Member

Name: John "Jack" Powers

Term: 2

Term Expiration Date: 2 /3 /2026

Housing Programs Advisory Committee

Appoint as Member

Name: Adebayo Owolewa

Term: 1

Term Expiration Date: 4 /24/2026

Adebayo's experience enabled him to develop a strong passion for addressing housing issues and the desire to improve the lives of people in similar situations. Joining the Housing Programs Advisory Committee would be a way for him to use his experiences and passion to make a positive impact on Oak Park and help create better housing options for his neighbors. He grew up in Boston, but no place feels more like home than Oak Park, which he and his family moved to in Spring 2022. A year prior he, his wife (who is from Chicago) and two children, relocated to Chicago from Richmond, VA. Time with his family is time well spent and there's nothing better.

Appoint as Member

Name: Michael Blaise Denton

Term: 1

Term Expiration Date: 4 /24/2026

Blaise has worked in affordable housing training and technical assistance for the last 4 years. Housing policy is a topic Blaise cares about deeply. He worked with communities across Florida and the Southeast to set up affordable housing trust funds, change zoning and permitting policies to increase the supply of housing, and build coalitions to fight for housing.

Transportation Commission

Appoint as Member

Name: Jason Ray Jenkins

Term: 1

Term Expiration Date: 4 /24/2026

After working for 8 years in the public fields of non-motorized transportation advocacy, urban planning and policy, and 6 years on the private side in the cycling industry Jason is excited to provide the insights he's gathered in that time to assist the Village. As a year round cyclist, pedestrian, transit user and driver as well as father of two young children who walk and bike in the community, Jason looks forward to helping Oak Park achieve the goal of improving its transportation systems so they may better serve all of Oak Park's residents as well as visitors, with a particular emphasis on ensuring the safety of all road users, especially the most vulnerable: children, senior citizens and people with disabilities.

2023
 Work Plan for Citizen Involvement Commission
 Supporting Diversity

2023 Initiatives

ENABLING LANGUAGE	PROJECT	OUTCOMES	TIMEFRAME	COST (if any)
Volunteer Recruitment	Participate in at least three community events a year (e.g. Day in Our Village, Farmers Market, Thursday Night Out etc.)	Increase awareness of commission work and variety of volunteer opportunities.	Ongoing	\$2,500(to also include 2 flyers in the Wednesday Journal which are \$1,300 for 2 flyers
	Host at least one volunteer recruitment event each quarter with varying community partners.	Increase number of first-time applicants accurately representing the demographics of our Village by 15%.		
	Review Recruitment Process and volunteer application process and make updates as necessary	With rollout of new village website, provide updates to application process for commissions.		
	Update marketing materials and look into ways to better utilize social media and other outlets such as local newspaper (e.g. Village Social Media Outlets, Tik-Tok, etc.)	Build trust amongst sectors of our community who feel less ownership over opportunities to get involved.		
	Continue to gather demographic data of volunteer base.	Assess our weaknesses and evaluate progress for reaching goal of seeking a volunteer base that accurately reflects the demographics of our Village.		
	Review timeline of applicants process from time of application to CIC interview and placement on village board agenda.	Decrease the time it takes in the process once applicants submit an application.		
Commission Support	Review interview and selection process. Interview at least two candidates for each vacancy.	Maintain a vacancy rate not to exceed 10% with well suited volunteers.	Ongoing	
	Maintain a database of commission members and terms.	Provide monthly commission vacancy reports, Chair expiration report, and results of survey data.		
	Continue a committee liaison process that assigns a liaison to each Commission/Committee, and that connects us with the chair/commission to help in identification of commission needs			

2023
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2023 Initiatives

	Formalize a new onboarding process for commissions members and an exit interview process to gather information which may help commissions in the future	75% of new commissioners complete the onboarding training.		
	Co-Host with Village President quarterly Chair meetings for peer learning and support, and quarterly meetings with new commissioners for training (and not for purposes of business in order to not violate OMA pending legal dept opinion)	Increase knowledge, skills, and abilities of commission leadership and commissioners for effective and efficient commissions.		
Volunteer Recognition	Host the annual Volunteer Appreciation Event.	Express appreciation to Village Volunteers.	Fall 2023	\$3,000
	Thank you video honoring Village Volunteers.			
	Thank you cards signed by Village Board and staff.			