



**MEETING MINUTES
CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024, 7:00 P.M.
VILLAGE HALL, ROOM 101**

A. Call to Order

Chair Kolar called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

B. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Eid (joined at 8:01 P.M.), Elling, Kill, Lott, Miller, Roman, Song (joined at 7:04 P.M.), Wesonga (joined at 7:05 P.M.), and Chair Kolar

Also present: Clerk Waters

C. Agenda Approval

Commissioner Roman moved to approve the agenda; Commissioner Lott seconded. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

D. Minutes Approval

Commissioner Lott moved to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2023 meeting; Commissioner Miller seconded. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

E. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

F. New Business

A. Review of Vacancy Report

Community Relations Commission has four vacancies. Citizens Police Oversight Committee has one vacancy. Clerk Waters said she is in contact with President Scaman and the CPOC chair and will follow up when she has more information.

B. New Advisory Board, Commission or Committee Appointments

i. January 23, 2024

Ron Roman was appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission. Frank Heitzman was appointed as emeritus to the Building Codes Advisory Commission.

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

i. Manning Peterson – Civic Information Systems Commission

ii. Kelsey Di Pirro – Farmers' Market Commission

Commissioner Miller moved; Commissioner Song seconded. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. Manning Peterson has been a resident since 2001 and has been involved in technology her entire career. She

has been a web developer for enterprises and moved into API design implementation. She currently works at Stripe as a technical account manager. She is interested in solving human problems and using technology to make peoples' lives better. Tom Ptacek encouraged her to serve. Her husband is the president of SEOPCO and she built their website. She used to run the Chicago Drupal Meetup.

Kelsey Di Pirro has been a resident since 2021. She is a therapist, primarily substance use and trauma. She has a private practice and is a clinical program director for a nonprofit and ran the psychiatric crisis response for the city of Chicago north of 26th Street. She does trainings for the community, overdose response, harm reduction work, equity and anti-racist and anti-oppressive work within the West side. She is interested in food equity, scarcity, and access and thinks there is a lot of potential with the Farmers' Market.

G. CIC Liaison Reports

There were no updates.

H. Staff Liaison Report

Clerk Waters reported that commission members are now listed on the overall landing page. She developed a draft interview schedule and sent it to Chair Kolar. April 29 is the next quarterly chair meeting to discuss abstentions, Commission 101, and work plans. Work plans will go before the Board next Tuesday. The CIC's may go in March. Executive session minutes will be reviewed in each executive session and approved semi-annually. All commission members are now included on the Board agenda distribution email. She invited the CIC to attend the Black History Month celebration on Feb. 17 at the Nineteenth Century Club. Doors open at 10:30 am. She will send an email invitation.

I. Consideration of Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session. 5 ILCS 120/2(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.

Commissioner Miller motioned; Commissioner Song seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved. The roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Elling, Kill, Lott, Miller, Roman, Song, Wesonga and Chair Kolar

Absent: Eid

The Commission adjourned to Executive Session at 7:51 P.M.

J. Reconvene to Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:54 P.M.

K. New Business

- A. A Motion to Approve the Volunteer Appointment Recommendation to the Village President of Manning Peterson to the Civic Informations System Commission

Commissioner Roman motioned; Commissioner Miller seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved. The roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Elling, Kill, Lott, Miller, Roman, Song, Wesonga and Chair Kolar

Absent: Eid

B. A Motion to Approve the Volunteer Appointment Recommendation to the Village President of Kelsey Di Pirro to the Famers' Market Commission

Commissioner Song motioned; Commissioner Wesonga seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved. The roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Elling, Kill, Lott, Miller, Roman, Song, Wesonga and Chair Kolar

Absent: Eid

L. Old Business

A. Motion to Approve the 2024 Citizen Involvement Commission Work Plan

Commissioner Miller motioned; Commissioner Song seconded. The commission discussed the 2024 work plan and will vote to approve it at the next regular meeting.

Volunteer celebration event: giveaway, different venue, market as a celebration, increase budget from \$3,000 to \$4,000.

Volunteer recruitment: add branding/consistent message, increase budget from \$2,500 to \$3,500. Applicant review process: review and shorten the process, review application language.

A special working meeting will be scheduled for March 20.

M. Adjourn

Commissioner Lott moved to adjourn; Commissioner Wesonga seconded. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Clerk Hansen