

MINUTES
 MEETING OF THE AGING IN PLACE COMMISSION
 Oak Park Village Hall
 March 14, 2023
 6:00 pm

PRESENT: Chair Marc Blesoff and Commissioners Robinson, Cimaglio, Bailey, Clay, Spight and Stall

STAFF PRESENT: DCS Assistant Director Cameron Davis and Dr. Danielle Walker, Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer

PUBLIC PRESENT: Shelia Wesonga, CIC Representative
 Maureen Delaney, Senior Services, Oak Park Township

Roll Call: Chair Blesoff called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Marc Blesoff	Present
Barbara Cimaglio	Present
Monika Robinson	Joined at 6:30 p.m.
George Bailey	Present.
Evelyn Clay	Present
Carl Spight	Present
Susan Stall	Left meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Agenda Approval – A motion was made by Commissioner Spight and seconded by Commissioner Stall to approve the agenda, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioners Bailey and Spight were recognized by Chairperson Blesoff for the Park District award they recently received.

Non-Agenda Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Cimaglio and seconded by Commissioner Spight to approve the meeting minutes of February 14, 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business: 2023 Work Plan

- The Commission reviewed the list of initiatives that were discussed at their January and February meetings for inclusion into the 2023 work plan. Commissioner Cimaglio agreed to put together a draft work plan at the February meeting and that draft was provided to the Commissioners. Considerable discussion ensued regarding the draft work plan. Commissioners made suggestions regarding adjustments to the working draft.

Chairperson Blesoff stated that he will work to bring final work plan language back to the Commission for consideration at their April meeting.

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- Discussion with Dr. Danielle Walker – Chair Blesoff welcomed Dr. Walker and shared her professional qualifications with the Commission. Dr. Walker mentioned that she wants to collaborate with the Commission and that she is here to help support the Commission’s efforts.

Various Commission members asked Dr. Walker questions and she responded. Topics covered included what DEI officers do at the various Oak Park governmental entities and if there is intersectionality with their work and ageism. Also, Dr. Walker was asked if she had already identified DEI issues related to ageism. She was asked about the DEI impact analysis that she is completing on agenda items going before the Village Board. A Commission member expressed her hope that Dr. Walker will include in her review the impact of the Board’s considerations on the older population in Oak Park.

Dr. Walker was asked about what comes to mind when she hears the term “A town without Ageism.” Dr. Walker responded with the word “representation.” Dr. Walker thanked the Commission for allowing her to speak and stated that she would remain in contact.

- Landlord Training – Chairperson Blesoff provided the Commission with a brief summary of the recently facilitated Landlord Training Seminar sponsored by the DCS Department. Assistant Director Davis provided information regarding future training.

Old Business: None

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn to at 7:25 pm made by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner clay. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.