

**Record of Meeting
Citizen Involvement Commission
Wednesday, July 2, 2014 - 7:00pm
Village Hall - Room 101**

Present: Commissioners Kristen Hollinden, Brian Holt (7:10), Charlene Jones-Foster, Ed Schmitt, Jassen Strokosch and Sally Wallace; Chair Jim Kelly; Village Clerk Teresa Powell

Absent: Commissioner Dawn Hendon

Call to Order: Chair Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Agenda

It was moved and seconded to approve the July 2, 2014 agenda as written. Motion approved.

Prospects Interviews

Lynn Palmgren, Kyle Eichenberger, Lyn Coniff and Garret Eakin were interviewed by the commission.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the June 4, 2014 minutes as amended. Motion approved.

Discussion and Voting on New Applicants

Following discussion, it was moved and seconded to recommended the following appointments upon confirmation from candidates:

Lyn Coniff, Liquor Control Review Board (wait list)
Kyle Eichenberger, Transportation Commission
Lynn Palmgren, Board of Health

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Hollinden, Holt, Jones-Foster, Schmitt, Strokosch and Wallace;
Chair Kelly

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Hendon

The motion was approved.

Garret Eakin was interested in exploring the Plan Commission and the Public Art Advisory Commission and would report back after attending meetings of those commissions.

Reports

Administrative Report

Village Clerk Powell noted that all pending appointments were currently on hold. Steps going forward were discussed.

Marketing Subcommittee Report

Commissioner Hollinden had nothing to report. She mentioned that there were pictures and information regarding the volunteer event on Facebook.

Commissioner Schmitt exited the meeting.

Old Business

Review of Outstanding Service Award Process

Chair Kelly stated that Outstanding Chair Award recipient John Shuler was tremendously moved by that recognition. He noted that there was miscommunication resulting in only members of the recognized commissions being asked to attend; next year all commissioners will be invited.

Chair Kelly was disappointed in the response regarding nominations this year. He wanted to increase interest in the event. Commissioner Hollinden suggested that a committee be formed to plan the occasion well in advance instead of CIC members rushing at the last minute. Village Clerk Powell noted that at one time this event, "Evening of Appreciation", was a dinner held at the 19th Century Club or other venue. All commission members and their spouses were invited. Perhaps something like this can be considered. Chair Kelly stated that he would add this topic to next month's agenda for discussion.

Status of Pending Applicants

Chair Kelly stated that as of March, the process of moving applicants forward to a Board Meeting Agenda has been difficult. He was asked by CIC Trustee Liaison Glenn Brewer to do some research regarding how other municipalities handle board and commission appointments. Although Oak Park is unique in terms of the number of commissions, all Council Manager municipalities state that the president appoints with the consent of the board. Chair Kelly was seeking clarification of that process.

Earlier today he learned that none of the candidates recommended for appointment had been placed on the July 7 Board Meeting Agenda. In response, he wrote an email to President Abu-Taleb asking for clarification and was awaiting his reply.

Plan Commission candidate Conrad Terry was discussed. Chair Kelly stated that since his appearance before the CIC in May, he has attended a meeting of the Plan Commission and has spoken with both the chair and staff liaison. His references were contacted and all gave outstanding feedback.

Candidate Adam Gill has requested to be on the wait list for Community Relations; he will be next in line after Tennille Allen, who is already on that list.

Peter Tambroni, who was interviewed in June, withdrew his application as he cannot commit to service on a commission at this time.

It was moved and seconded that Conrad Terry be recommended for appointment to the Plan Commission.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Hollinden, Holt, Jones-Foster, Schmitt, Strokosch and Wallace;
Chair Kelly

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Hendon

The motion was approved.

New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

Commission Input

Commissioner Wallace asked about the status of Michael McCarthy, who was interviewed in May. Chair Kelly stated that he was exploring the Civic Information Systems Commission and didn't know he had an opportunity to attend a meeting yet due to cancellations and rescheduling.

Village Clerk Powell commented that during her attendance at the Municipal Clerks' meeting in Milwaukee, she spoke about the function of the CIC and it raised interest among the other attendees.

Adjournment

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnn Schoenneman
Recording Secretary