

Record of Special Meeting  
Citizen Involvement Commission (CIC)  
Wednesday, March 4, 2020, 7:00 p.m.  
Village Hall, room 101

I. **Call to Order**

Commissioner Pond called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

II. **Roll Call**

Present: Commissioners Robbie Erickson, Curtis Lott, Emily Masalski, Frank Pond, and Chair John Troelstrup

Absent: Commissioners Sandra Novack-Gottshall, Conrad Terry, and Erika Washington.

Also present: Village Clerk Vicki Scaman

III. **Approval of Agenda**

It was moved by Commissioner Pond and seconded by Commissioner Lott to approve the agenda for March 4, 2020. A voice vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

IV. **Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Commissioner Pond and seconded by Commissioner Lott to approve the minutes as amended February 5, 2020. A voice vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

V. **Public Comment**

There was none.

VI. **Applicant Interviews:**

• **Rebecca O'Brien, Citizen Involvement Commission**

Rebecca observed the February CIC meeting. She is looking for a way to get more involved as a newer resident of Oak Park. After considering both CRC and CIC she believes her experience and knowledge related to building diverse boards is a good fit for CIC. She expressed appreciation for some of the insights shared in the CIC work plan for building a sense of belonging as a long-term goal for increasing representation on commissions.

• **John Michelotti, Building Codes Advisory Commission**

Mr. Michelotti has recently interviewed to serve on the Environment & Energy Commission. While waiting for an opening on EEC he has asked to interview for BCAC recognizing that BCAC will be reviewing the Green Plan in coming months. He believes his knowledge and passion for advanced building science as a non-tradesman would be a good perspective to share with BCAC.

VII. **Reports**

• **Vacancy Report**

Clerk Scaman highlighted vacancies on commissions. Currently there are two exceptions of commissioners serving on two commissions at the same time. Stephen Morales serves on the Environment & Energy Commission (EEC) as well as the Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee (CDCAC) recognizing that CDCAC only meets consistently for two months of the year. Additionally, Curtis Lott has recently been appointed by Village President Abu-Taleb to serve on the Citizen Police Oversight Committee (CPOC) largely due to Curtis' desire experience with the homeless population and as a social worker. He will be permitted to remain on CIC until such time that he wishes to narrow his service to one commission. There was additional conversation on the role of CIC in contributing a valuable function for recruitment and vetting of community volunteers for service on citizen commissions as advisory bodies to the Village Board. Clerk Scaman provided clarification on the role of the Village President as the sole elected individual who can advance appointments to the agenda. It was suggested that members of CIC consider writing a memo to the Village President expressing their concerns for the respected role of CIC.

- **Commission Liaison Reports**

Frank Pond, Farmer's Market Report attached

**VIII. Old Business**

- **CIC Commission Orientation discussion**

Frank will review documents for commission liaison guidance.

Emily, Robbie and Sandra will review documents for commission orientation.

Curtis and Erika will be working on volunteer recruitment and topics for Chair meetings.

Frank and John will reach out to the Park District for scheduling a volunteer appreciation event.

**IX. New Business**

- **Applicant Discussion**

After discussion, Commissioner Pond moved to recommend the applicants to the commission for which they interviewed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Erickson. A voice vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

**X. Adjourn**

Commissioner Pond moved to adjourn. Commissioner Masalski seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved. Chair Troelstrup adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Village Clerk Vicki Scaman