



**MEETING MINUTES CITIZEN
INVOLVEMENT COMMISSION
Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. VILLAGE HALL
Remote Participation**

I. Call to Order

Acting Chair Pond called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Village Clerk Scaman read into the record a statement that the Village President has determined that an in-person public hearing is not practical or prudent due to the COVID-19 outbreak during Governor Pritzker's current disaster proclamation. It is also not feasible to have a person present at the public hearing due to the safety concern related to the COVID-19 outbreak.

II. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Curtis Lott, Greg Kolar, and Acting Chair Frank Pond.

Absent: Commissioner Sandra Novack-Gottshall and Rebecca O'Brien.

Also present: Village Clerk Vicki Scaman and Deputy Village Clerk Christina Waters.

Commissioner Conrad Terry is on temporary leave.

III. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Commissioner Greg Kolar and seconded by Commissioner Curtis Lott to approve the agenda as presented. A roll call was taken and the motion was approved. The roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Curtis Lott, Greg Kolar, and Acting Chair Frank Pond

Nays: none

Absent: Commissioner Sandra Novack-Gottshall and Rebecca O'Brien.

IV. Public Comment: none

V. Approval of meeting minutes from February 24, 2021

It was moved by Commissioner Curtis Lott and seconded by Commissioner Greg Kolar to approve the minute as presented. A roll call was taken and the motion was approved. The roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Curtis Lott, Greg Kolar, and Acting Chair Frank Pond.

Nays: none

Absent: Commissioner Sandra Novack-Gottshall and Rebecca O'Brien.

VI. Applicant Interviews:

Thomas Ptacek, Civic Information Systems Commission (CISC)

Thomas shared his interest in utilizing technology to support improved transparency. He

shared his opinion that opportunity exists related to information available through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and use of an open portal.

Siva Balu, Civic Information Systems Commission (CISC)

Siva shared information related to his volunteer service with local nonprofit organizations and professional experience related to potential service on CISC. He shared insight into how he approaches a decision-making that includes assessment and goal setting of “now, next, and beyond”.

Rick Easty, Building Codes Advisory Commission (BCAC)

Rick is a general contractor, master carpenter, and civic engineer. Approximately 40% of his work is in Oak Park. He believes he has insight and expertise valuable to overcoming building code challenges specific to a community with historic and older buildings. He believes current building codes are regressive and punitive.

Frank Sullivan, Plan Commission (PC)

Frank is an architect with a long history in commercial real estate working with developers and investors. He is supportive of inclusive growth, conscious of need for affordable housing, and listening for community buy-in on needs and opportunities.

Marion Baumgarten, Aging in Place (AIP) or Board of Health (BOH)

Marion shared her belief that the village needs to be proactive in identifying additional ways of communicating with residents and including YouTube and social media. She is a retired HR Director interested in serving on either the AIP or BOH commission to assist with messaging and improved communication to residents.

VII. Reports:

Vacancy and Liaison Reports

A commission liaison report for the Farmer’s Market was included in the CIC packet from Acting Chair Frank Pond.

Discussion of commission vacancies was tabled for a future meeting when plans for recruitment could be discussed with greater representation of CIC.

VIII. Work Plan Review:

Discussion tabled.

IX. New Business:

Applicant Discussion

After discussion Commissioner Curtis Lott motioned to endorse the appointment of all applicants interviewed as vacancies permit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Kolar. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved. The roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Curtis Lott, Greg Kolar, and Acting Chair Frank Pond

Nayes: none

Absent: Commissioner Sandra Novack-Gottshall and Rebecca O’Brien.

X. Adjourn

It was moved by Commissioner Curtis Lott, seconded by Commissioner Greg Kolar to adjourn the meeting. A roll call vote was taken and the meeting was adjourned at 8:21

p.m. The roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Curtis Lott, Greg Kolar, and Acting Chair Frank Pond.

Nays: none

Absent: Commissioner Sandra Novack-Gottshall and Rebecca O'Brien.

NEXT MEETING: tbd

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicki Scaman, Village Clerk