



**MEETING MINUTES  
CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMISSION (CIC)  
Wednesday, July 6, 2022, 7:00p.m.  
Remote Participation**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Kolar called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.

**2. Roll Call**

**Present:** Commissioners Eid, Kill, Lott, Wesonga and Chair Kolar

**Absent:** None

**Also present:** Village Clerk Christina M. Waters

Village Clerk Waters 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.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

It was moved by Commissioner Wesonga and seconded by Commissioner Eid to approve the agenda as presented. A roll call was taken and the motion was approved. The roll call was as follows:

**Ayes:** Commissioners Eid, Kill, Lott, Wesonga and Chair Kolar

**Nayes:** None

**Absent:** None

**4. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes**

It was moved by Commissioner Kill and seconded by Commissioner Lott to approve the June 1, 2022 meeting minutes. A roll call was taken and the motion was approved. The roll call was as follows:

**Ayes:** Commissioners Eid, Kill, Lott, Wesonga and Chair Kolar

**Nayes:** None

**Absent:** None

**5. Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

**6. New Business:**

Chair Wesonga left the meeting at 7:35 P.M.

**a) Applicant Interviews**

***Colin Finley – Community Design Commission***

New to Oak Park.

Colin Finley has professional experience in working with small businesses to help them design and buildout their spaces and working with small businesses that are trying to break into and work in a community and work with community members in the process. From a design perspective, being engaged and understand how that process works has been interesting to him. He is excited to bring his passion and experience to the Community Design Commission and to facilitate the CDC to better communicate the commission's work to the community and to those individuals that are trying to get projects approved through the CDC.

***Jason Wright – Community Design Commission***

Jason Wright is a forensic accountant with a passion for architecture and design. He has experience in law which he could utilize in relation to the sign codes. He looks forward to giving back to his community.

***Marc Blesoff – Aging in Place Commission***

Marc Blesoff is a 40-year resident of Oak Park. He has been active in conscious aging, facilitating conscious aging workshops and writes a monthly column for the Wednesday Journal. He has also been involved with the Neighborhood Age-Friendly Collaborative, the Age Options Advisory Council, and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Age-Friendly Community Collaborative. He is excited to engage with all the commissions in discussions as to what is community and how their commissions' work impacts the aging population in Oak Park.

***Evelyn Clay – Aging in Place Commission***

Evelyn Clay is deeply interested in the issues of engaging and supporting older residents to remain active, visible and heard as contributing members of the community as they age in place. As both a long-term resident and a seasoned senior, Evelyn has firsthand experience with many of the issues that she believes the aging commission should be engaging around: what does it mean for the needs and interests of older citizens to be considered in our community plans and commitments such as the new community center, our public transportation system, and public safety.

**Motion to Enter into Executive Session**

It was moved by Commissioner Kill, seconded by Commissioner Lott, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) – to discuss the appointment of volunteers to the Village at 7:56 P.M. A roll call vote was taken. The roll call was as follows:

**Ayes:** Commissioners Eid, Kill, Lott, and Chair Kolar.

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Commissioner Wesonga

**6. Return to Open Session**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 8:06 P.M.

It was moved by Commissioner Eid and seconded by Commissioner Lott to approve the applicants to their respective Commissions. A roll call was taken and the motion was approved. The roll call was as follows:

**Ayes:** Commissioners Eid, Kill, Lott, and Chair Kolar

**Nayes:** None

**Absent:** Commissioner Wesonga

## **7. Old Business**

Commissioner Lott gave an update on the Citizen Police Oversight Committee (CPOC).

Chair Kolar mentioned there are 3 applicants for the Citizen Involvement Commission. He and Commissioner Eid discussed skillset and experience that the CIC might want to consider for CIC applicants.

Commissioner Kill recommended any documents that are discussed at commission meetings should be published on the website for the public to reference and for transparency.

Chair Kolar reminded the commission of the August 23<sup>rd</sup> volunteer recognition event.

Clerk Waters will follow up on the Recruitment Memo.

Clerk Waters asked if commissioners were available for a special meeting in July to interview applicants for the Aging in Place Commission, Community Design Commission and the Transportation Commission.

## **6. Adjourn**

It was moved by Commissioner Lott, seconded by Commissioner Kill, to adjourn the meeting. A roll call vote was taken at 8:25 PM. The roll call was as follows:

**Ayes:** Commissioners Eid, Kill, Lott, and Chair Kolar

**Nayes:** None

**Absent:** Commissioner Wesonga

***NEXT MEETING: August 10, 2022 – Special Meeting***

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda DeViller, Deputy Village Clerk