

Approved Minutes of
Regular Meeting (Public Hearing)
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Village of Oak Park
Thursday, January 20, 2022 5:30pm
Remote Participation Meeting – Zoom

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chair Morales at 5:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Andrew Celis, Sheena Rayford, Greg Buchanan, and Stephen Morales

ABSENT: Nezar Nafiseh

STAFF PRESENT: Vanessa Matheny, Grants Supervisor (Staff Liaison/ Recording Secretary) and Deborah Meneses, Grant Coordinator

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA: Commissioners were asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. Noting none, Agenda approved unanimously.

NON-AGENDA AND OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT: Chair Morales asked if there was any non-agenda public comment and noted that there were none. There was no non-attendee public comment, as well, as reported by Vanessa Matheny

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion and second was made to approve the CDCAC minutes of the October 19, 2021 meeting, as amended due to an incorrect spelling of Chair Morales name. Approval of the minutes as drafted passed by unanimous voice vote.

Introduction of New Commission Members: Chair Morales asked Commission members and staff to provide a brief introduction of themselves as we gain new commission members.

Evolving Role for CDCAC 2022: Chair Morales and Grants Supervisor, Vanessa Matheny, discussed the CDCAC and the role in grant recommendations, review, and decision making to the Village of Oak Park's Board of Trustees. Chair Morales has made a recommendation to Village of Oak Park's staff as to why the CDCAC should be involved in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that Oak Park received due to the impact from COVID-19. It should be noted that the Village of Oak Park Board of Trustees will begin to discuss the ARPA funds on January 24, 2022 and CDCAC will be informed upon further discussion for the level of involvement.

2022 Schedule and Meeting Dates: Grants Supervisor, Vanessa Matheny, discussed with Commission Members setting a regular meeting date and time to meet as a commission. Commission members determined that beginning March 2022, the best time for the Commission to meet would be the 1st Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm. During this time, Commission members and staff discussed the upcoming grant cycle and how frequently meetings will need to take place to meet with subrecipients. It was also mentioned that meetings will remain virtual until we are allowed to return to in-person meetings.

OTHER BUSINESS: Chair Morales and Commission members reviewed the 2022 Workplan and discussed with staff their goals and that they would like this to be recurring on the agenda to ensure goals are being met throughout the year.

ADJOURNMENT (voice vote): Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Vanessa Matheny, MSW