



**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023, 7:00 P.M.
VILLAGE HALL, ROOM 101**

I. Call to Order

Chair Kolar called the regular meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Elling, Kill, Lott, Miller, Roman, Song (arrived 7:07 P.M.) and Chair Kolar

Absent: Commissioners Eid, Wesonga

Also present: Clerk Waters, Peter Weismantle, Tejas Shah, Derek Eder, Mike Cochran

III. Agenda Approval

Commissioner Elling moved to approve the agenda; Commissioner Roman seconded. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

IV. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

V. New Business

A) A Motion to Conduct Volunteer Applicant Interviews for the Following Individuals to be Considered for an Advisory Board, Commission and/or Committee:

- a. Derek Eder – Environment & Energy Commission
- b. Tejas Shah – Environment & Energy Commission
- c. Mike Cochran – Transportation Commission
- d. Peter Weismantle – Zoning Board of Appeals

Commissioner Lott moved; Commissioner Miller seconded. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Derek Eder – Environment & Energy Commission

Oak Park resident of five years. Part of OPCAN and interested in Climate Action Plan. Installed heat pumps and solar panels in home and writes a blog and uses social networks to encourage residents to do the same. Runs a tech consulting company and built the Decarbmystate.com website. Interested in equity, thinks more incentives and education are needed. Village is leading by example by electrifying its buildings. Would be open to joining either BCAC or CISC. Part of Illinois Clean Jobs Coalition.

Tejas Shah - Environment & Energy Commission

Lawyer who practices immigration law at a law firm downtown since 2008. Moved to Oak Park in 2018. Passionate about making life in Oak Park as sustainable as possible with local action. Did an emerging

leaders program with the Chicago Counsel on Global Affairs. Amongst the 25% in Oak Park who compost and thinks better incentives are needed. Would like to create transparency around issues like solar installation. Also open to considering Community Relations, CPOC, or Disability Access Commissions.

Mike Cochran - Transportation Commission

Oak Park resident of three years. Project manager at Aviant. Fascinated with vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic and interaction. Wants to get involved and understand the structure better and how to get changes made in the community like better speed enforcement. Very familiar with the stresses and challenges on volunteers. The importance of the impact of feeling safe on residents. May be interested in the Community Design Commission.

Peter Weismantle - Zoning Board of Appeals

Has lived in Oak Park since 1979. Recently retired architect, former director of super tall building technology. Worked for large firms downtown on mostly international projects. Still does consultant work. Has owned a couple of small multi-family properties and understands the landlord perspective. Wants to encourage people to stay and improve their properties and to apply regulations sensibly.

B) Review of Vacancy Report

The commission discussed reducing the size of the Community Design Commission. Commissioner Song will talk to her neighbor who is a graphic designer. Clerk Waters will check the quorum requirements for each commission and the ZBA membership list.

VII. Executive Session

- C) 5 ILCS 120/(c)(1) – Motion to enter into executive session to discuss the appointment recommendations of volunteers to the Village of Oak Park’s advisory commissions, committees and boards.

Commissioner Song moved; Commissioner Lott seconded. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. The Commission adjourned to Executive Session at 8:28 P.M.

VIII. Reconvene to Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 9:05 P.M.

IX. New Business Continued

- D) A Motion to Approve the Volunteer Appointment Recommendation to the Village President of Derek Eder to the Environment & Energy Commission

Commissioner Miller moved; Commissioner Roman seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Ayes: Elling, Kill, Lott, Miller, Roman, Song and Chair Kolar

Nays: None

Absent: Eid, Wesonga

- E) A Motion to Approve the Volunteer Appointment Recommendation to the Village President of Tejas Shah to the Environment & Energy Commission or the Disability Access Commission

Commissioner Elling moved to amend the motion; Commissioner Kill seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved as amended.

Ayes: Elling, Kill, Lott, Miller, Roman, Song and Chair Kolar

Nays: None

Absent: Eid, Wesonga

- F) A Motion to Approve the Volunteer Appointment Recommendation to the Village President of Mike Cochran to the Transportation Commission or to another commission of his interest

Commissioner Lott moved to amend the motion; Commissioner Kill seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved as amended.

Ayes: Kill, Lott, Miller, Roman, Song

Nays: Elling and Chair Kolar

Absent: Eid, Wesonga

- G) A Motion to Approve the Volunteer Appointment Recommendation to the Village President of Peter Weismantle to the Zoning Board of Appeals

Commissioner Miller moved; Commissioner Song seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Ayes: Miller, Song, Elling, Kill, Lott, Roman and Chair Kolar

Nays: Absent

Absent: Eid, Wesonga

X.Old Business

- H) Discussion of Citizen Involvement Commission Member assignments at upcoming Recruitment Events. Commissioners should respond to the Doodle polls sent by Chair Kolar for *Thursday Night Out, Go Green Days* at the Farmers' Market. Chair Kolar will send another Doodle poll for *A Day in Our Village*.

XI. Adjourn

Commissioner Song moved to adjourn; Commissioner Kill seconded. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:16 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deputy Clerk Hansen