



**MEETING MINUTES
CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2023, 7:00 P.M.
VILLAGE HALL, ROOM 101**

I. Call to Order

Chair Kolar called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Elling, Kill, Lott, Miller (left at 8:44 P.M.), Roman, Song, and Chair Kolar

Absent: Commissioners Eid (arrived at 7:13 P.M.), Wesonga

Also present: Deputy Clerk Hansen

III. Agenda Approval

Chair Kolar requested to table the review of the new Granicus Boards & Commissions Suite until the September meeting. Commissioner Song moved to approve the agenda as amended; Commissioner Miller seconded. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved as amended.

IV. Minutes Approval

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2023, May 3, 2023, and June 7, 2023 meetings; Commissioner Lott seconded. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved as amended.

V. Public Comment

Maggie Santos: Candidate for CDCAC, will be on the September agenda. Runs the Oak Park Working Moms group.

VI. 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. William Coats – Community Relations Commission

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

William Coats – Community Relations Commission

Comes from a family of social workers, very liberal background. Ran a number of drug abuse and mental health programs over the years. Has grant writing experience. Former director of a community mental health center in Oregon. Former interim director of the community mental health program for DuPage County in Wheaton. Worked at Heartland Alliance and taught at the Jane Addams College of Social Work. Volunteered at West Side Health Authority. Applied for the Aging in Place Commission but there were no vacancies. The CRC fits his life's mission. Feels that Oak Parkers are too precious and don't understand

opposing viewpoints. Says there needs to be honest dialogue in the community, continued efforts at interaction, will take time.

B) Review of Vacancy Report

i. Outstanding interviewed applicants to date

- Nicholas Mann for CDC or CDCAC – President Scaman will connect with him in August.
- Mike Cochran for Transportation Commission – Clerk Waters will reconvene with President Scaman in lieu of the recent resignation/vacancy.
- Derek Eder for EEC – Possible opening in September. Clerk Waters emailed the applicant to inquire about remaining in the queue or applying for another commission of their interest. Second choice not listed on application.

Commissioner Lott wondered why there isn't more interest in the CDC. Commissioner Eid responded that it is a large commission with 11 members. Chair Kolar noted that it decreased from 13 members in 2019. The sign and forestry commissions merged into the CDC. The goal is to decrease it again to 8 or 9 members. Commissioner Kill noted the CDC requires specific skills in design or forestry. Chair Kolar wondered why CDC is not involved in the Oak Park Avenue Streetscape Project. Commissioners Lott and Elling suggested updating the description. Commissioner Song suggested promoting the CDC more.

Commissioner Elling made a motion to decrease the size of the CDC from 11 to 9 members and revise its description. Commissioner Eid said she believes the commission should redefine itself and offered to speak to the chair about it. Commissioner Kill requested a discussion at the September meeting about the role of each of the commissions. Commissioner Miller suggested meeting with two commissions each month to understand their priorities. Chair Kolar said he will speak to Clerk Waters about adding an item on the September meeting agenda.

There was discussion and confusion around what constitutes a quorum. It was determined that if the number of members is decreased from 11 to 9, a quorum would be half of the appointments plus one.

C) Advisory Board, Commission or Committee Appointments at the July 31, 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting.

- i. Kurt Roskopf – Civic Information Systems Commission
- ii. Turquoise Peart – Community Relations Commission
- iii. Jason Nudelman – Transportation Commission

Deputy Clerk Hansen said an update will be made to the Board appointment report to reflect the CIC's suggested commissions that were not listed on the candidate's original applications.

D) Advisory Committees, Commissions, and Boards CIC Liaison Reports

Commissioner Lott said CPOC is reviewing complaints and the work plan and had a discussion about the data from flock cameras.

Commissioner Elling said neither of his commissions met in July. CISC has been working with IIT on a student project to look at the use of Smart Cities. IIT will send their final report soon.

Chair Kolar noted that some of the Trustee liaisons for the commissions have changed.

Commissioner Roman said the Liquor Control Review Board has a new vacancy and will be meeting this fall.

VII. Consideration of Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session

- E) 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 Roman motioned; Commissioner Miller seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved. The Commission adjourned to Executive Session at 8:13 P.M.

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

Absent: Wesonga

VIII. Reconvene to Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:29 P.M.

IX. New Business Continued

- F) A Motion to Approve the Volunteer Appointment Recommendation to the Village President of William Coats to the Community Relations Commission

Commissioner Miller moved to table the motion pending a discussion with the commission chair;

Commissioner Kill seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was tabled.

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

Absent: Wesonga

X. Old Business

- H) Review of New Granicus Boards & Commission Suite - TABLED

- I) Discussion of the 2023 Work Plan

The onboarding plan that Commissioners Elling and Roman are working on is on hold. Chair Kolar said he will contact DTOP Thursday Night Out to see if the CIC can have an info booth before it ends August 31.

Commissioner availability for August:

Eid - 10th, 24th
Elling - 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st
Kill - not available
Lott - 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st
Roman - 10th, 17th, 24th
Miller - 17th, 24th, 31st
Song - 31st
Wesonga - not available
Kolar - will check his schedule

Volunteer event discussion. Wednesday or Thursday, 6-8 pm, reserve the space from 5-9 pm, up to 100 people, bring own food and alcohol. Budget is \$3000. Potential locations: Unity Temple, CRC, America House, First United Church. Chair Kolar will call America House. Commissioner Eid will call First United Church. Commissioner Song will call CRC. Commissioner Roman will follow up with Unity Temple. Commissioner Eid offered to assist with programming. Commissioner Lott requested time to speak during the program. Commissioner Kill offered to assist with anything.

XI. Adjourn

Commissioner Eid moved to adjourn; Commissioner Roman seconded. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deputy Clerk Hansen