



**MEETING MINUTES  
CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2022  
REMOTE PARTICIPATION**

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Kolar called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

Chair Kolar 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.

**Present:** Commissioners Ron Elling, Annemarie Kill, Curtis Lott, Ron Roman, Carollina Song and Chair Greg Kolar

**Absent:** Commissioners Jill Eid, Drew Miller (late), Sheila Wesonga (late)

**Also present:** Chief DEI Officer Dr. Danielle Walker, Deputy Village Clerk Cindy Hansen

**III. Agenda Approval**

Chair Kolar requested to move Agenda Items D, E, F after Item A. Commissioner Roman moved to approve the agenda as amended; Commissioner Kill seconded. A roll call was taken and the motion was approved as amended. The roll call was as follows:

**Ayes:** Commissioners Roman, Kill, Elling, Lott, Song and Chair Kolar

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Commissioners Eid, Miller, Wesonga

**IV. Minutes Approval**

Commissioner Elling moved to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2022 regular meeting as presented; Commissioner Song seconded. A roll call was taken and the motion was approved. The roll call was as follows:

**Ayes:** Commissioners Elling, Song, Lott, Roman and Chair Kolar

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** Commissioner Kill

**Absent:** Commissioners Eid, Miller, Wesonga

**V. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**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. Jenna Holzberg – Transportation Commission

b. Josh Vanderberg – Civic Information Systems Commission

Commissioner Elling moved; Commissioner Lott seconded. A roll call was taken and the motion was approved. The roll call was as follows:

**Ayes:** Commissioners Elling, Lott, Kill, Roman, Song and Chair Kolar

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Commissioners Eid, Miller, Wesonga

#### ***Jenna Holzberg – Transportation Commission***

Jenna grew up in Oak Park and has been involved in multi-modal active transportation advocacy since 2018. She helped start Bike Walk Oak Park. She is passionate about the issue of transportation equity. She has a professional background in workforce development for 13 years working with low-income populations, particularly seniors, for which access to reliable transportation is a primary barrier. She has experience as a cyclist in the community. She wants to take a step back from the advocacy work but still remain involved. She watches Transportation Commission meetings and knows commissioners.

*Commissioner Miller joined the meeting at 7:08 p.m.*

*Commissioner Wesonga joined the meeting at 7:19 p.m.*

#### ***Josh Vanderberg – Civic Information Systems Commission***

Josh has an educational background in physics and mathematics and a computer science degree. He has a long and varied career in technology including freelance consulting. He co-founded a successful 100-person start-up software company. He founded a new local venture focused on using technology to grow and enrich local communities and reinvigorate the local newspaper business model using social media platforms. He has lived in Oak Park for 10 years. He ran a 4,000-user Facebook group focused on hyperlocal data analysis of COVID-19 trends. He is passionate about data availability and transparency.

### **VII. Executive Session**

- B) 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 Lott moved; Commissioner Wesonga seconded. A roll call was taken and the motion was approved. The roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Commissioner Eid

*The Commission adjourned to Executive Session at 7:43 p.m.*

### **VIII. Reconvene to Regular Meeting**

*The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:48 p.m.*

- C) A Motion to Approve the Volunteer Appointment Recommendation to the Village President of Jenna Holzberg to the Transportation Commission.

Commissioner Elling moved; Commissioner Wesonga seconded. A roll call was taken and the motion was approved. The roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Commissioner Eid

- D) A Motion to Approve the Volunteer Appointment Recommendation to the Village President of Josh Vanderberg to the Civic Information Systems Commission.

Commissioner Lott moved; Commissioner Miller seconded. A roll call was taken and the motion was approved. The roll call was as follows:

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

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Commissioner Eid

#### **IX. Commissioner Appointment as Acting Chair**

- E) A Motion to Appoint Commissioner Kill as Acting Chair for the remainder of the Meeting.

Commissioner Wesonga moved; Commissioner Miller seconded. A roll call was taken and the motion was approved. The roll call was as follows:

**Ayes:** Commissioners Wesonga, Miller, Elling, Kill, Lott, Roman, Song

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Commissioner Eid and Chair Kolar

*Chair Kolar left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.*

#### **X. New Business (Continued)**

- F) A Motion to Approve DRAFT 2023 Work Plan for Citizen Involvement Commission (Supporting Diversity)

*Commissioner Miller left the meeting at 8:29 p.m.*

Commissioner Kill made real-time updates during the discussion and has the revised work plan. She requested an amendment to the motion to add \$2,500 to the work plan for additional advertising.

Commissioner Song moved; Commissioner Wesonga seconded. A roll call was taken and the motion was approved as amended. The roll call was as follows:

**Ayes:** Commissioners Song, Wesonga, Elling, Kill, Lott, Roman

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Commissioners Eid, Miller and Chair Kolar

#### **XI. Old Business**

- G) Discussion of the Citizen Involvement Commission Liaison Assignment of new Citizen Involvement Commissioners Ronald Elling, Drew Miller, Ronald Roman and Carollina Song

Updated Assignments:

Aging in Place – Wesonga, *Roman as an alternate*  
Board of Health – Song  
Building Codes – Elling  
Citizen Involvement– Kolar  
Citizen Police Oversight – Lott  
Civic Information Systems – Lott, *Elling as an alternate*  
Community Design – Eid  
Community Development Citizens Advisory – Kill  
Community Relations – Lott  
Disability Access – Roman  
Environment & Energy – Wesonga  
Farmers’ Market – Eid  
Fire and Police – Wesonga  
Historic Preservation – Kill, *Roman as an alternate*  
Housing Programs Advisory – Roman  
Liquor Control Review – Kolar  
Plan – Kolar  
Transportation – Eid  
Zoning Board of Appeals – Song (*subject to availability*)

Commissioner Kill will send these updated assignments to Chair Kolar. Commissioner Miller still needs to be assigned. Assignments can be finalized in January.

H) Update regarding on-boarding discussions for advisory board, commission and committee members

Commissioner Roman requested this discussion be moved to the January meeting.

## **XII. Adjourn**

Commissioner Wesonga moved to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Lott. A roll call was taken and the motion was approved. The roll call was as follows:

**Ayes:** Commissioners Wesonga, Lott, Elling, Kill, Roman, Song

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Commissioners Eid, Miller and Chair Kolar

*The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cindy Hansen, Deputy Village Clerk