



Citizen Involvement Commission
Regular Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 6:30 PM
Village Hall 123 Madison Street, Room 102

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call and Declaration of a Quorum

C. Agenda Approval

D. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

A) August 6, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

E. Public Comment

Public comment is a time set aside at the beginning of a meeting for individuals to speak about an issue or concern. It is not intended for a dialogue with the Commission. Public comment is limited to 30 minutes with a limit of three minutes per person. If public comment exceeds 30 minutes, public comment will be shared with the public body for their review. If you want to submit public comment prior to the meeting you can do so at publiccomment@oak-park.us, or contact the Office of the Oak Park Village Clerk at 708-358-5670 for additional assistance.

F. New Business

- A) Citizen Involvement Commission Liaison Reassignments to begin October 1, 2026
- B) A Motion to Conduct Volunteer Applicant Interviews for the Following Individuals to be considered for an Advisory Board, Commission and/or Committee:
 - i. **Bridgett Allen Hedgeman** – Community Relations Commission
 - ii. **Zach Carsten** – Civic Information Systems Commission / Community Relations Commission
 - iii. **Lauren Krieg** – Disability Access Commission / Farmers' Market Commission
 - iv. **Catherine Bendowitz** – Housing Programs Advisory Committee/Historic Preservation Commission/Environment and Energy Commission

G. CIC Liaison Reports

This section is intended to be informational

H. Staff Liaison Report

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I. Consideration of Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session

5 ILCS 120/(c)(1) – Motion to Enter into Closed Session to Discuss the Appointment Recommendations of Volunteers to the Village of Oak Park's Advisory Commissions, Committees, and Boards.

J. Reconvene to Regular Meeting

K. New Business Continued

- A) A Motion to Approve the Volunteer Appointment Recommendation to the Village President of,
 - i. **Bridgett Allen Hedgeman** – Community Relations Commission
 - ii. **Zach Carsten** – Civic Information Systems Commission / Community Relations Commission
 - iii. **Lauren Krieg** – Disability Access Commission / Farmers' Market Commission
 - iv. **Catherine Bendowitz** – Housing Programs Advisory Committee/Historic Preservation Commission/Environment and Energy Commission
- B) **Reassignment of CIC Liaisons for each commission: to begin October 1st** | *Each commission whose members are appointed by the CIC has a CIC liaison. If unable to attend, the liaison will stay aware of the current affairs of the commission. The CIC liaison does not vote on commission business. The role of the CIC liaison is to help commissions with the effective functioning of the commission, assist with understanding the rules of this manual, coordinate the recruitment,*

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appointment and resignation of the chair and members and assist with any membership or governance issues of the commission.

C) Discussion of FY2025 Work Plan Accomplishment & FY2026 Work Plan Goals

L. Old Business

A) A Discussion of the Volunteer Recognition Event

M. Adjourn

Upcoming Meeting: Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at 6:30 PM