



**MEETING MINUTES  
CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025, 7:00 P.M.  
VILLAGE HALL, ROOM 101**

**A. Call to Order**

Chair Kolar called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

**B. Roll Call**

Present: Commissioners Elling, Lott, Miller, Roman, Song, and Chair Kolar

Absent: Commissioners Eid, Kill, Wesonga

Also present: Clerk Waters

**C. Agenda Approval**

Chair Kolar noted that Zac Moskowitz and Mark Dunham are not present to be interviewed at this meeting. Commissioner Elling moved to approve the agenda as amended; Commissioner Song seconded. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

**D. Minutes Approval**

Commissioner Roman moved to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2025 meeting; Commissioner Miller seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved. The roll call was as follows:

Aye: Commissioners Elling, Miller, Roman, Lott, and Chair Kolar

Abstain: Commissioner Song

Absent: Commissioners Eid, Kill, Wesonga

**E. Public Comment**

Commissioner Song said she is involved with the Activist Toolkit at [activisttoolkit.org](https://activisttoolkit.org). The website has the Oak Park voter's guide. She encouraged everyone to visit the site and noted early voting starts March 17 and Election Day is April 1.

**F. 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:
  - i. Jack Takiguchi – Environment & Energy Commission
  - ii. William Obuchowski – Environment & Energy Commission
  - iii. Mike Nickels – Building Codes Advisory Commission
  - iv. Jonathan Skinner – Civic Information Systems Commission
  - v. Wayne Huang – Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee

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

**Jack Takiguchi** is a conflicts attorney at Vedder Price and went to John Marshall Law School. He grew up in Oak Park and has moved back and wants to get involved. He is very interested in progressive ideas toward energy and waste reduction and is eager to learn. He likes the idea of electrification throughout the Village and how we are going to engage the community.

**William Obuchowski** is an attorney who deals with insurance contracts and coverage. He grew up in Oak Lawn and his wife grew up in River Forest and teaches at OPRF. He sees this as an opportunity to learn more about what is going on in the community and meet more people. He is excited about the Earth Day events coming up. He said he is flexible if he is needed on another commission.

**Mike Nickels** grew up in River Forest and went to OPRF. He runs his own business doing energy efficiency work for multi-family properties. He is a GC and mechanical contractor specializing in heat pumps and a licensed electrician. He has done zoning reviews. He moved back to Oak Park three years ago and sees needs and ways he can support and be connected through community involvement.

**Jonathan Skinner** has been an Oak Park resident since 2022. He recently got citizenship. He is interested to get involved with the Village from a civic point of view. He has 15+ years of experience in IT. He is an engineer with Apple and works in the enterprise world and is used to projects that take years to complete. He is particularly interested in open data.

**Wayne Huang** has been an Oak Park resident since 2020. Spent 17 years working in technology and then 8 years working in IT audit and data analytics. He and his wife volunteer at their church and want to become more involved in the community. He works for CF Industries, a chemical manufacturer that specializes in ammonias and fertilizers. He would also be interested in the Historic Preservation Commission.

#### **G. CIC Liaison Reports**

Commissioner Song said she attended the Board of Health (BOH) meeting last month where Clerk Waters presented the items the CIC has been working on and it was extremely well received. She noted their minutes include assignments and timelines which is helpful.

#### **H. Staff Liaison Report**

A. Review of Board and Commission Vacancy and Chair Expiration Date Report at Regular Board of Trustees Meeting(s) – January 28, February 4, 11, 18 and March 4, 2025

B. Review of Advisory Board, Commission, or Committee Appointments Report at Regular Board of Trustees Meeting(s) – January 28, February 4, 11, 18 and March 4, 2025

C. Digital New Membership Onboarding update – Commissioners Elling, Miller, and New Member Charlotte Lacey (review onboarding site with commission)

D. CDC & ZBA consolidation – members

Clerk Waters reported the Community Design Commission (CDC) and Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) consolidated. Recruitment is paused while President Scaman is working through the CDC list to see if commissioners are interested in other commissions.

Commissioner Roman inquired if the Historic Preservation Commission coffee mugs were distributed. Clerk Waters said she would double check to make sure they have been.

Commissioner Lott said CPOC was very grateful for the gifts. Commissioner Song said BOH also really appreciated them.

Commissioner Elling inquired about Hannah Rouse and Zachary Parsons. Clerk Waters said there was no response from Hannah and Zachary decided his schedule did not align well with the Farmers' Market Commission.

Clerk Waters said the Village Clerk's Office is interested in looking into a youth advisory commission. She will draft enabling language to have the CIC review and provide feedback. Commissioner Miller said there are some outstanding students who would be very motivated.

#### **I. Consideration of Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session**

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

Aye: Commissioners Elling, Lott, Miller, Roman, Song, and Chair Kolar

Absent: Commissioners Eid, Kill, Wesonga

#### **J. Reconvene to Regular Meeting**

**K. New Business Continued**

- A. A Motion to Approve the Volunteer Appointment Recommendation to the Village President of Jack Takiguchi to the Environment & Energy Commission

Commissioner Lott moved to approve; Commissioner Song seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved. The roll call was as follows:

Aye: Commissioners Lott, Roman, Song, and Chair Kolar

Nay: Commissioner Elling

Abstain: Commissioner Miller

Absent: Commissioners Eid, Kill, Wesonga

- B. A Motion to Approve the Volunteer Appointment Recommendation to the Village President of William Obuchowski to the Environment & Energy Commission

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

Aye: Commissioners Elling, Miller, Lott, Roman, Song, and Chair Kolar

Absent: Commissioners Eid, Kill, Wesonga

- C. A Motion to Approve the Volunteer Appointment Recommendation to the Village President of Mike Nickels to the Building Codes Advisory Commission

Commissioner Miller moved to approve; Commissioner Roman seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved. The roll call was as follows:

Aye: Commissioners Elling, Miller, Lott, Roman, Song, and Chair Kolar

Absent: Commissioners Eid, Kill, Wesonga

- D. A Motion to Approve the Volunteer Appointment Recommendation to the Village President of Jonathan Skinner to the Civic Information Systems Commission

Commissioner Roman moved to approve; Commissioner Elling seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved. The roll call was as follows:

Aye: Commissioners Elling, Miller, Lott, Roman, Song, and Chair Kolar

Absent: Commissioners Eid, Kill, Wesonga

- E. A Motion to Approve the Volunteer Appointment Recommendation to the Village President of Wayne Huang to the Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee

Commissioner Miller moved to approve; Commissioner Song seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved. The roll call was as follows:

Aye: Commissioners Elling, Miller, Lott, Roman, Song, and Chair Kolar

Absent: Commissioners Eid, Kill, Wesonga

**L. Old Business**

Clerk Waters noted this is Commissioner Lott's last CIC meeting. He expressed his appreciation and the commission thanked him for his service.

**M. Adjourn**

Commissioner Lott moved to adjourn; Commissioner Song seconded. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deputy Clerk Hansen