

**Record of Meeting
Citizen Involvement Commission
Wednesday, September 3, 2014 - 7:00pm
Village Hall - Room 101**

Present: Commissioners Kristen Hollinden, Brian Holt (7:01), Charlene Jones-Foster (7:03), Frank Pond, Ed Schmitt, Jassen Strokosch and Conrad Terry; Chair Jim Kelly; Village Clerk Teresa Powell

Absent: Commissioner Sally Wallace

Call to Order: Chair Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Agenda

It was moved and seconded to approve the September 3, 2014 agenda as written. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the August 6, 2014 minutes as written. Motion approved.

Prospects Interviews

Julieus Thomas, Brad Erickson, Monica Sanders, Kevin Ochalla, Joel Schoenmeyer, Anne Warden and Ron Orzel were interviewed by the commission.

Discussion and Voting on New Applicants

Following discussion, it was moved and seconded to recommend the following appointments pending confirmation:

Brad Erickson, Civic Information Systems Commission
Kevin Ochalla, Citizens Police Oversight Committee
Ron Orzel, Liquor Control Review Board
Monica Sanders, Plan Commission
Joel Schoenmeyer, Zoning Board of Appeals or Transportation Commission (wait list)
Julieus Thomas, Community Relations Commission
Anne Warden, Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Hollinden, Holt, Jones-Foster, Pond, Schmitt, Strokosch and Terry; Chair Kelly

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Wallace

The motion was approved.

Reports

Administrative Report

Village Clerk Powell reported that the pending appointments and reappointments were approved by the Board of Trustees at the September 2 meeting. She stated that the chair of the Board of Health will not be renewing her term when it expires in December. Another member of that commission has resigned due to a change in residency. There were also resignations on the Liquor Control Review Board, Farmers Market Commission and Community Design Commission for various reasons.

She suggested that the CIC liaison assignments be reviewed with the addition of two new members.

Marketing Subcommittee Report

Commissioner Hollinden reported that she will be submitting information for the September FYI shortly.

Old Business

Report on Pending Applicants

Chair Kelly reiterated that most of the pending applicants have been appointed. Village Clerk Powell asked about the status of an applicant that was pending for appointment to the Housing Programs Advisory Committee but has not reported back to the CIC regarding attending a meeting. Chair Kelly clarified that she was on the wait list for that commission.

Outstanding Service Awards Discussion

Commissioner Hollinden stated that she and Clerk Powell have a meeting scheduled for next week and invited anyone who was interested to attend.

Commissioner Hollinden suggested that a survey be sent to other commissioners regarding the event; she had some questions already prepared. She asked for input.

Commissioner Jones-Foster asked for clarification regarding the service time frame. Chair Kelly stated that historically, this was tied to coordinate with National Volunteer Month in April and called the Volunteer of the Year Award. Chairs were asked to nominate an outstanding member of their commission. More recently, it has been changed to include three categories; outstanding commissioner, outstanding chair and outstanding commission. There were not many nominations when one person was being honored; nominations have not increased with the additional number of awards. He raised the question of whether commission members saw any value in this and how they can make the recognition more meaningful.

Village Clerk Powell noted that it is in the CIC enabling ordinance to host a recognition event. This used to be a sit-down dinner event and all commissioners and their guests were invited. It has becoming increasingly more minimal. She asked if the CIC should request a larger budget to accommodate something more elaborate.

Commissioner Holt discussed getting feedback from commissions and additional information prior to requesting funds from the Board. Commissioner Pond noted that it is likely that other commissioners would have no interest in attending an event honoring someone from another commission. Commissioner Strokosch spoke about declining participation from year to year.

Commissioner Hollinden stated that one year, an award was designated for an outstanding first-year commissioner and that generated some interest. Commissioner Schmitt asked if this type of event is even viable for the future and perhaps the survey responses would answer that question. Village Clerk Powell suggested that the focus be on all volunteers and that the event be larger.

There was discussion regarding what to call the event and when to hold it.

Chair Kelly noted that interest dropped dramatically after changing from an off-site location where a meal or hors d'oeuvres were served to coffee and cake at Village Hall. He added that the joint awards for Historic Preservation, etc., includes a large buffet. Commissioner Schmitt commented that being recognized at a Village Board meeting seemed more prestigious, regardless of what food was served. Village Clerk Powell noted that a larger event off the premises was an opportunity to socialize and exchange information with members of other commissions.

Commission Input

There were no comments.

Adjournment

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnn Schoenneman
Recording Secretary