



COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
Special Meeting
Wednesday, July 8, 2020
7:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

A special meeting is being conducted remotely with live audio available and optional video. The meeting will be streamed live and archived online for on-demand viewing at www.oak-park.us/commissiontvas well as cablecast on VOP-TV, which is available to Comcast subscribers on channel 6 and ATT Uverse subscribers on channel 99. Remote meetings of Oak Park Citizen Commissions are authorized pursuant to Section 6 of Governor J.B. Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-07, with limitations. Governor Pritzker's Executive Order allows for remote participation meetings by public bodies, but public bodies are "encouraged to postpone" meetings and should only hold meetings when "necessary." Executive Order No. 2020-07 (COVID-19 Executive Order No. 5) at Section 6. The Illinois Attorney General issued "Guidance to Public Bodies" regarding the Governor's Executive Order on April 9, 2020. In that guidance, the Attorney General states, "Where a public body does not have critical issues that must be addressed because time is of the essence, cancelling or postponing public meetings may be prudent during the COVID-19 outbreak, rather than holding meetings that could pose a risk of danger to the public." Thus, the test as to whether to hold a meeting is an issue to be discussed is "critical" that must be addressed immediately.

- 1) Call to Order
 - a. Roll Call
- 2) Approval of Agenda
- 3) Approval of Minutes
- 4) Public Comment

Oak Park Citizen Commissions welcome your statement to be read into the public record. Public statements of up to three minutes will be read into the record during Non-Agenda public comment. Statements will be provided to the Commission Members in their entirety as a single document. Please follow these instructions for submitting a statement. Non-Agenda public comment is a time set aside at the beginning of each Citizen Commission meeting for public statements about an issue or concern that is not on that meeting's agenda. Individuals are asked to email statements to community@oak-park.us or clerk@oak-park.us to be received no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. If email is not an option, you may drop comments off in the Oak Park Payment Drop Box across from the entrance to Village Hall, 123 Madison Street, to be received no later than 5 PM the day of the Commission meeting. Questions regarding public comment may be directed to 708-358.5672 or email clerk@oak-park.us.

5) Old Business

- a. 2020 Business Plan – Review and revisions

6) Adjourn

Next Meeting: Our next meeting is scheduled tentatively for Wednesday, July 16, 2020

If you require assistance to participate in any Village program or activity, contact the ADA Coordinator at 708-358-5430 or e-mail building@oak-park.us at least 48 hours before the scheduled activity

2020 Work Plan for Community Relations Commission

2020 Initiatives

ENABLING LANGUAGE	PROJECT	OUTCOMES	TIMEFRAME	COST (if any)
“to develop improved intergroup relations”	Dinner and Dialogue Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRC to host special dinner meetings to bring community groups and involved individuals together to discuss community issues around the issues of race, diversity, and equity • Host D & Ds for targeted sub-groups as opportunities allow 	Ongoing	\$3,500
“to develop improved intergroup relations”	CRC presence at Oak Park events that align with CRC mission and goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host a booth at the Day in Our Village festival • March in the 4th of July and Multicultural parades • Represent the CRC at other Oak Park events that align with the CRC mission and goals • Increase public awareness about the work of the CRC and encourage participation in CRC programming 	Ongoing	\$3,000
“to secure equal furnishing of services to residents”	Promote the adoption of a Village-wide resolution to govern for Racial Equity and support the implementation of same	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of a Village resolution on Racial Equity • Governance and delivery of services in a racially equitable manner 	Ongoing	
“works to ensure good human, race and community relations and reduce tensions”	Relationship building with other Oak Park institutions and elected officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build relationships with other Oak Park entities and elected officials to develop village-wide strategies to address inequities 	Ongoing	

ENABLING LANGUAGE	PROJECT	OUTCOMES	TIMEFRAME	COST (if any)
“works to ensure good human, race and community relations and reduce tensions”	Conduct forums for public education and awareness regarding community issues related to diversity, equity, inclusions, and governmental services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring community members together to understand and discuss community issues related to diversity and equity • Host issue forum a and/or other relevant governmental services-based topics 	Ongoing	\$1,000
“works to ensure good human, race and community relations and reduce tensions”	Partner with groups presenting community programming involving issues related to diversity, equity, and community services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share the resources of the Village with other groups currently providing such programming (Race Conscious Dialogues, community events related to the CRC mission, intersection of village services with issues of education equity, etc.) • Engage Oak Park equity groups in governing for racial equity work • Participate in cross-community activities with neighboring communities • Increase public awareness about the work of the CRC 	Ongoing	\$2,000 (grant program)
“works to ensure good human, race and community relations and reduce tensions”	Continue to research, plan activities, and make recommendations related to the promotion of diversity and inclusion in the Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote diversity and inclusion in the Village 	Ongoing	
“works to ensure good human, race and community relations and reduce tensions”	Develop and implement a communications plan for the CRC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase public engagement in the work of the CRC and the village’s work to advance racial equity 	Ongoing	

2019- Accomplishments/Status

ENABLING LANGUAGE	PROJECT	OUTCOMES	TIMEFRAME	COST (if any)
<p>“to develop improved intergroup relations”</p> <p>AND</p> <p>“works to ensure good human, race and community relations and reduce tensions”</p>	Dinner & Dialogue	Conducted thirteen dinners bringing residents together to discuss diversity, inclusion and race relations issues. Partnered with Dominican University in a collaborative dinner event on race.	January-December 2019	\$2,551.39
	Fourth of July Parade	Hosted and organized Fourth of July Parade, in coordination with Community Relations Department.	July 4, 2019	\$930
	Public Educational Forums	N/A	Throughout the year	n/a
	Day in Our Village of Oak Park	Increased participation at Festival by outside community groups	June 3, 2019	\$230
“to secure equal furnishing of services to residents”	Governing for Racial Equity	CRC members and staff attended training on racial equity in Hazelcrest, Il sponsored by National League of Cities. Outreach has been conducted by Village staff to other municipalities who use these practices to learn about their experiences.	February-April 2019	n/a
ENABLING LANGUAGE	PROJECT	OUTCOMES	TIMEFRAME	COST (if any)
“works to ensure good human, race	Conduct forums for public education and awareness regarding community issues related	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring community members together to understand and discuss community issues related to diversity and equity • Host a Trustee candidate forum, a 	Ongoing	\$152.20

and community relations and reduce tensions”	to diversity, equity, and governmental services	Police Chief Forum, and/or other relevant governmental services-based topics		
	Partner with groups presenting community programming involving issues related to diversity, equity, and community services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share the resources of the Village with other groups currently providing such programming (Race Conscious Dialogues, community events related to the CRC mission, intersection of village services with issues of education equity, etc.) • Engage Oak Park equity groups in governing for racial equity work • Participate in cross-community activities with neighboring communities • Increase public awareness about the work of the CRC 	Ongoing	\$1500
	Continue to research, plan activities, and make recommendations related to the promotion of diversity and inclusion in the Village	Promote diversity and inclusion in the Village	Ongoing	