

Record of Special Meeting  
Citizen Involvement Commission (CIC)  
Wednesday, June 5, 2019, 7:00 p.m.  
Village Hall, room 101

I. **Call to Order**

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

II. **Roll Call**

Present: Commissioners Robbie Erickson, Emily Masalski, Frank Pond, Conrad Terry, Erika Washington, and Chair John Troelstrup

Absent: Commissioners Curtis Lott and Sandra Novack-Gottshall

Also present: Village Clerk Vicki Scaman

III. **Approval of Agenda**

It was moved by Commissioner Pond and seconded by Commissioner Terry to approve the agenda for June 5, 2019. A voice vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

IV. **Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Commissioner Pond and seconded by Commissioner Erickson to approve the minutes from May 8, 2019. A voice vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

V. **Public Comment**

There was none.

VI. **Applicant Interviews**

- **Rachel Hahs, Farmers Market Commission**

Ms. Hahs is an environmental sustainability professional and feels passion that farmers markets help communities.

- **Kevin Barnhart, Citizen Police Oversight Committee**

Mr. Barnhart is an electrical engineer who appreciates data driven decision making. He is a long-time resident and would like to volunteer to give back to his community.

- **Cassandra West, Community Relations Commission**

Ms. West is a long-time resident. She has been an editor for the Sun-Times, has worked in public relations, and currently works for the Forest Preserve Foundation. She recently participated in a "Dinner and Dialogues" discussion organized by the Community Relations Commission and enjoyed the experience.

## **VII. Reports**

- **Vacancy Report**

Clerk Scaman provided a brief update on current vacancies and recent appointments. Members of the Citizen Involvement Commission asked for further clarification regarding the recent appointment of Glenn Brewer as Chair to the Community Relations Commission. It was explained that President Abu-Taleb has the authority to appoint members of the community to commissions, with approval from the Village Board, that have not gone through the interview process with the Citizen Involvement Commission. The Citizen Involvement Commission interviews applicants for recommendation to President Abu-Taleb for appointment to commissions.

- **Commission Liaison Reports**

Sandra Novack Gottshall provided this statement to be shared in her absence:

Commissioner Novack-Gottshall attended a Historic Preservation Commission meeting on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. There are always interesting discussions, particularly around bungalows, which many new resident want to “blast out” to create a larger top floor. This was the first meeting Liaison Novack-Gottshall attended since the CIC recommended the appointment of Lou Garapolo to the commission. Lou seems to be doing really well and is an active, engaged commissioner. Novack-Gottshall also reviewed a “board and commission membership list” for HPC (albeit an older version she had on hand). She wanted to note that Chair Christopher Payne’s term is due to expire 10/4/19, Commissioner Jennifer Bridge’s term is due to expire 9/19/19 and Commissioner Aleksandra Tadic’s term was due to expire 5/16/19. Given the length of the appointment process, Novack-Gottshall suggests contacting Chair Payne sooner rather than later about potential (future) openings. Novack-Gottshall also suggests sending an e-mail reminder to Chairs to announce the Volunteer Appreciation Night (date and time) at their next meetings.

It was shared that providing a statement such as this was a good idea for all commission liaison reports.

- **Work Plan updates**

Volunteer Appreciation – this year’s “Volunteer Appreciation Event” will be held at the Oak Park Conservatory on June 28<sup>th</sup> as part of “Uncorked at the Conservatory”.

Clerk Scaman provided notes for quick review regarding logistics for the event. It was decided that if T-Shirts are too expensive to purchase for volunteers that wrist bands and buttons would be good options. It was also decided that Clerk Scaman will invite recently retired commissioners to the event. Commissioner’s Robbie Erickson and Erika Washington will volunteer at the sign-in table.

**VIII. New Business**

• **Applicant Discussion**

After discussion, Commissioner Masalski moved to recommend the applicants to the commissions for which they interviewed, in the order that they were interviewed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Erickson. A voice vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

**IX. Adjourn**

Commissioner Terry moved to adjourn. Commissioner Masalski seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved. Chair Troelstrup adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Village Clerk Vicki Scaman