

VILLAGE OF FLOSSMOOR COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

January 13, 2020

MINUTES

As Chairwoman Goesel was absent, Commissioner Riffice made a motion to appoint Commissioner Graham temporary chair. Seconded by Commissioner Mustafa and passed by a voice vote.

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Graham called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Myron Graham, Rosalind Mustafa, Jackie Riffice, Jamie O'Shea, Leonard Harris,

Absent: Commissioner John Flynn, Chairwoman Kate Goesel, Commissioner Leon-Thompson, Commissioner Monica Gordon

Staff: Assistant Village Manager Allison Matson

III. Residents Present Wishing to Address the Commission

None

IV. Approval of December 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The Commission suggested amendments to the minutes including adding that staff was asked to connect Valencia Dantzer with Michelle Nelson, correcting the term chairman to chairwoman in reference to Chairwoman Goesel and adding Fiscal Year to the first reference instead of FY. Commissioner Graham called for a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Commissioner Riffice so moved, seconded by Commissioner Mustafa and passed by a voice vote.

V. Discussion of CRC Role and Objectives

As a follow up to the previous month's discussion regarding Commissioner Riffice's proposal for a more comprehensive document to describe the CRC's goals and objectives, Commissioners Mustafa and Riffice agreed to collaborate on the language for a final draft of the document. The goal is to make the purpose and goals of the

commission more actionable, observable and measureable. The document will be placed on the February agenda for consideration.

VI. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

Allison shared the final list of projects for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. The Commission discussed changing the application in 2021 to make sure the volunteer opportunities fit with the mission of the day. The Commission would like to encourage project organizers to be more intentional about the impact of the projects. The Commissioners volunteered to attend sessions. The Commission asked Allison to make the social media posts shareable.

VII. Black History Month/ Underground Railroad Presentation/Book

Allison shared that the Village will be highlighting the Flossmoor residents' achievements in the arts for Black History Month. There is a form online for community members to fill out. Commissioner Mustafa expressed that it's not clear if a resident can nominate another resident because the form asks for information from the point of view of the artist. Allison said that she would follow up to make sure the form is more clear that the Village will contact the artist for more information.

Commissioner Mustafa also shared that the HF Chronicle has agreed to repost the article about Flossmoor resident Juanita Mitchell, who turned 108 recently, if they receive a current photo and information on the occasion of the photo and the date it was taken.

The session on the Underground Railroad is scheduled for March 5 at Village Hall. Allison is also working with Jamie Paicely at the Flossmoor Library on the One Book One Community program. Commissioner Riffice volunteered to connect Allison with a member of her church who is a book reviewer.

VIII. New Resident Event – April 18

Commissioner Mustafa shared that she is working with Nickie Brookens to plan the event. Last year's event was well-attended. One of the reasons to have a high school representative on the Commission is that last year, Jonnisha led an activity for children which allowed parents to participate. Commissioners are asked to attend the event and think about the timeframe they can assist from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

IX. Review CRC Budget

The CRC has \$1,200 remaining for the fiscal year. The remaining activities include Black History Month, Day of Service and the New Resident Event.

X. New Business

There was no New Business.

XI. Adjourment

Commissioner Graham called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Riffice so moved, seconded by Commissioner Harris and passed by a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.