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**APPROVED**  
**Minutes of a Regular Remote Access of the**  
**Community Relations Commission**  
**Northbrook, IL**  
**Thursday, February 4, 2021**

Present: Chairman Bruce Doughty; Commissioners Christine Beeftink, Elliot Bruckman, Emmeline Hazaray, John Martin, Sarah Kroeschell & Patti Vile

Absent: Commissioners Helena Osorio, & Grace Seo

Representatives: Mary Hansen, Alice Lonoff, & Ron Mantegna

Guests: Renee Dominguez, Ph.D., Executive Director, Family Service Center/FSC  
Joy Stuart/Northbrook Park District  
Tracy Gossage/Northbrook Public Library

Others: Staff Liaisons Madeline Farrell & Recording Secretary, Gale Cerabona

**Welcome**

Chairman Doughty welcomed everyone at 7:03 p.m.

**Hear from the Audience**

Ms. Stuart shared:

- the Park District has restarted in-person programs
- Techny Prairie Activity Center/TPAC is open; reservations not needed. Discounts are offered.
- the Spring Guide will have information on March 3, 2021, regarding summer camp
- Sportsman's Country Club has rebranded to Heritage Oaks Golf Club; opening late summer
- Anetsberger Golf Course will be open when the weather allows

Ms. Gossage noted:

- the reopening date is unknown
- curbside procedures are in place. Hours are:
  - Monday-Thursday 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
  - Friday & Saturday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
  - Sunday 1 p.m.-5 p.m.
- a *One Book, One Northbrook* presentation to 35 people went well. A book selection will be made soon, and the author will be contacted to attend.

Commissioner Kroeschell arrived at 7:10 p.m.

**Community Presentation**

Ms. Renee Dominguez, Ph.D., Executive Director, FSC was introduced and offered the following PowerPoint presentation:

- FY20 in Review: FSC Core Services
  - Counseling
  - Crisis Response & Support

- 48 ○ Outreach, Education, & Consultation
- 49 ● Counseling – 4,300 hours, 296 clients
- 50 ○ Stressors
- 51 ○ Emotional disorders
- 52 ● Crisis Response & Support
- 53 ○ Completed 21 Health & Safety Assessments
- 54 ○ Crisis Response Network of the North Shore
- 55 ○ Crisis Response Directly
- 56     ▪ GBN Death by Suicide (January 2021)
- 57     ▪ Northbrook Event: Panel Moderation after Two Suicide Deaths
- 58     ▪ Maple Middle School (November 2018)
- 59 ● FSC Education – 35 invited presentations, 1,700 people served
- 60 ● Covid & Telehealth: March 16, 2020 – 9 webinar presentations

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62 Chairman Doughty thanked Ms. Dominguez for all the work they are doing.

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64 Commissioner Martin asked about caseloads from 2019 and 2020. Ms. Dominguez advised there is a  
65 10% increase.

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67 Representative Mantegna arrived at 7:24 p.m.

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69 Commissioner Martin asked where they are located. Ms. Dominguez replied on Lake Avenue in  
70 Wilmette. They may be contacted via the web site; the process is electronic.

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72 Commissioner Bruckman explained about Northbrook Cares and noted they may wish to partner.

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74 Commissioner Beefink asked if they accept Medicare. Ms. Dominguez advised they do and have a  
75 sliding scale. Medicaid is not accepted. They do accept insurances that clinicians don't accept; this fills  
76 the gap in the community.

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78 Chairman Doughty stated he appreciates the support at the school districts.

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80 **Review & Approval of December 3, 2020, CRC Regular Meeting Minutes**

81 Revision is:

- 82 ● Line 166                             replace cross-country with *cross-cultural*

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84 A motion was made by Commissioner Bruckman, seconded by Commissioner Kroeschell, to approve the  
85 December 3, 2020, CRC regular meeting minutes as amended. On a roll call vote, the motion passed  
86 unanimously.

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88 **Village Update**

89 Liaison Farrell offered the following from the Village:

- 90 ● Covid Update
- 91     ○ Cook County is in Phase 1B for vaccinations. Sign-up link is [vaccine.cookcountyil.gov](https://vaccine.cookcountyil.gov)
- 92     ○ Lake County is in Phase 4
- 93 ● the Board will review a draft budget in early March
- 94 ● Transitions

- 95 ○ Police Chief is retiring
- 96 ○ Chief Financial Officer/CFO is retiring
- 97 ○ Tom Poupard retired. Michaela Kohlstedt is the new Director of Development &
- 98 Planning Services. Chan Yu is the new Deputy Director.
- 99 ○ Village Manager is involved with the recruitment process

100 Commissioner Beeftink advised the Skokie Department of Health has coordinated for teachers to be  
101 vaccinated before they return to school.

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103 Chairman Doughty asked and Liaison Farrell reminded Northbrook's health department is Cook County.  
104 She noted there is no supply to give out. Village Staff is in constant communication with local entities.

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106 Representative Mantegna advised he is pressing the North Shore Senior Center to conduct a vaccine  
107 clinic. Their staff advises to contact your primary doctor; an influx of vaccines are forthcoming. He noted  
108 the Illinois.gov vaccine site may also be helpful.

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#### 110 **Update on Activities**

- 111 1. A Celebration of Cultures

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113 Commissioner Beeftink is attempting to secure meeting dates for the subcommittee in February.

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- 115 2. Northbrook Cares

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117 Chairman Doughty advised the next meeting is on February 18th. The web site is expanding.  
118 Efforts with seniors and youth will be promoted.

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120 Commissioner Kroeschell complimented Village Staff on information on the web site.

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#### 122 **News from Schools**

123 Commissioner Beeftink shared information from Niles North:

- 124 ● Hybrid learning begins on March 1, 2021 (20% in-person & 80% remote)

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126 Commissioner Martin asked if these percentage will increase. Commissioner Beeftink stated  
127 students may opt in at any time.

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129 Commissioner Martin deferred his comments to Commissioner Beeftink about St. Norbert's:

- 130 ● they have done a great job of keeping everyone safe

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132 Commissioner Kroeschell shared information from River Trails District 26 in Mt. Prospect:

- 133 ● students returned to school on January 13, 2021 (75% in-person, 25% remote)

- 134 ● she received her vaccine

- 135 ● they are being sensitive to those with minor symptoms

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137 Chairman Doughty shared the following from District 225:

- 138 ● in-person learning is going well

- 139 ● sports are beginning; good for the social experience

- 140 ● Commissioner Bruckman said the GBN Variety Show is in virtual rehearsals from February 18-20

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142 Commissioner Mantegna asked if tickets can be bought. Chairman Doughty advised they can on  
143 the GBN web site.  
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145 **News from Northbrook Clergy Association**

146 Representative Hansen expressed comments from a recent meeting that it is challenging that GBN is  
147 open (by 50% for students).  
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149 **Old Business**

150 Commissioner Vile shared information about Northbrook's Action Climate Plan. There are 33 community  
151 members and is a vibrant group. She noted a consulting group is facilitating this; areas include  
152 transportation, land use, waste management, water, green space, climate economy, etc. The plan is to  
153 study these areas to see how Northbrook could help. An announcement to the community will take  
154 place on April 12, 2021. She asks that CRC members participate if they wish.  
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156 Liaison Farrell said the CAPS' meetings are open to the public (the public is not invited to subgroups).  
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158 Commissioner Vile said they are evaluating what is happening in other communities.  
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160 Chairman Doughty thanked Commissioner Vile for her service on behalf of the CRC.  
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162 Representative Lonoff indicated Race Amity Day is the second Sunday in June. Representative Hansen  
163 reminded there has been conflict among different races. She noted this would be presented to the  
164 Village Board.  
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166 **New Business**

167 There was no New Business.  
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169 **Eyes & Ears on the Street**

170 Representative Mantegna highlighted Village Presbyterian Church is having a Superbowl of Caring. Bins  
171 are available to support local food pantries.  
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173 Representative Lonoff advised that YMCA staff asked RAIN to conduct a Zoom program on Race on  
174 February 8, 2021, when Van Gilmer will lead that discussion.  
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176 Commissioner Martin thanked Village Staff for their quick turnaround on snow removal.  
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178 **Next Meeting**

179 The next CRC meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2021.  
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181 **Adjournment**

182 Commissioner Bruckman moved, seconded by Commissioner Kroeschell, to adjourn the meeting at 8:07  
183 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.  
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185 Chairman Doughty thanked everyone for their efforts.  
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187 Respectfully submitted, Gale Cerabona, Recording Secretary