

**Minutes of a Special Meeting of the
Community Relations Commission
Northbrook, IL
Wednesday, May 1, 2019**

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

Absent: Commissioners Sarah Kroeschell, Helena Osorio and Grace Seo.

Representatives: Alice Lonoff.

Guests: Tracy Gossage – Northbrook Public Library; Joy Stuart – Northbrook Park District.

Others: Staff Liaison Erik Jensen.

Welcome

Chairman Doughty called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. in the Terrace Room at Village Hall.

Commissioner Bruckman noted that Chairman Doughty had recently become the Board of Education President for District 225. All congratulated him.

Hear from the Audience

Ms. Stuart shared the following updates from the Northbrook Park District:

- The 2019 Summer Guide is now available.
- Northbrook on Ice will be held May 10 through May 12. Ms. Stuart noted that it is the event's 50th anniversary this year.
- The annual Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, May 18 at Wood Oaks Park.
- Tuesdays in the Park will begin on Tuesday, June 11.

Ms. Gossage arrived at 7:07.

Ms. Gossage shared the following updates from the Northbrook Public Library:

- The Summer Reading kick-off will be held on Saturday, June 1.
- The Library would be partnering with RAIN to hold a three part series on the film *American Creed*. The screening would be held on Wednesday, May 22 with events following in June and July.
- The One Community, One Book initiative would hold a kick-off on Sunday, June 30.

Review & Approval of April 4, 2019 CRC Regular Meeting Minutes

Revisions were noted as follows:

- Line 87 Correct the name to "Hunger Free Northbrook"
- Line 95 Change "fiscal" to "festival"
- Line 97 Change to "advised that"
- Line 104: Change to "Historical"
- Line 143: Change to "Many presentations"

A motion was made by Commissioner Bruckman, seconded by Commissioner Hazaray, to approve the April 4, 2019 CRC meeting minutes as amended. On a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Review & Approval of March 14, 2019 Northbrook Cares Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Revisions were noted as follows:

- Line 125 Modify to “house”

A motion was made by Commissioner Bruckman, seconded by Commissioner Hazaray, to approve the March 14, 2019 Northbrook Cares Subcommittee meeting minutes as amended. On a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Review & Approval of March 14, 2019 Celebration of Cultures Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Revisions were noted as follows:

- Line 25 Modify to “were”

A motion was made by Commissioner Bruckman, seconded by Commissioner Vile, to approve the March 14, 2019 Northbrook Cares Subcommittee meeting minutes as amended. On a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Village Update

Liaison Jensen stated the Shermer Road Bridge Replacement project was coming to an end.

Liaison Jensen stated that work on a number of local road construction projects would be beginning soon including the Woodlawn/Penfold water main replacement project and resurfacing project on Picardy Circle.

Community Presentation

Chairman Doughty noted that there had been a Village-wide boil order the previous week. He stated that Liaison Jensen and he had discussed doing the community presentation this month on the water production and distribution systems to address any questions that the Commission might have.

Liaison Jensen briefly overviewed the water production and distribution systems, including some statistics about the systems and a brief synopsis of how the water is treated and distributed to individual customers.

Liaison Jensen briefly overviewed some of the common rules and regulations related to water treatment and safety. He noted the Village issues an annual consumer confidence report on water quality and explained the rules that impacted the boil order. He noted that the boil order was precautionary but required because of the drop in pressure in the distribution system.

Liaison Jensen explained that the Water Treatment Plant is open 24 hours a day and that staff is available to address water emergencies at any time.

A brief conversation followed on the communications regarding the boil order. Commissioner Martin complimented the Village on issuing communications in an orderly and efficient manner.

Update on Activities

1. Northbrook Cares

Chairman Doughty advised that the Subcommittee had met prior to tonight's meeting. He briefly overviewed the meeting and stated the Subcommittee would be focusing on the website for its next meeting. He stated the Subcommittee's next meeting would be held on Wednesday, June 26.

2. Celebration of Cultures

Commissioner Beeftink stated that the Subcommittee had met on Monday, April 29. She briefly overviewed the discussions at the meeting and stated the event's time and date had been finalized for Sunday, November 3 from 2 to 4 p.m.

3. Welcome to Northbrook/Flamingo Fridays

Commissioner Bruckman discussed the communications to date and briefly overviewed the logistics for the event. He noted that the CRC would have a table this year and asked for volunteers for the table and event.

Chairman Doughty asked what time volunteers should arrive. Commissioner Bruckman stated around 4:30 p.m.

4. One Community, One Book

Chairman Doughty noted that Ms. Gossage had discussed One Community, One Book under the Library update.

News from Schools

Commissioner Martin stated that the St. Norbert's School Trivia Night had been a success.

Commissioner Beeftink noted that Niles North is holding a showing of the movie "Angst" which discusses students dealing with depression and anxiety.

Chairman Doughty shared the following from District 225:

- Student Erin Rosenfield recently won the IHSA speech state title. It was noted she is the first deaf or hard-of-hearing student to do so in State history.
- The musical Mamma Mia is open.
- A retirement party for Dr. Riggle would be held on Thursday, May 16.

News from Northbrook Clergy Association

Liaison Jensen noted the following information was sent by Representative Hansen:

- The Clergy Association is exploring the possibility of holding monthly, interfaith prayer gatherings.
- The Clergy Association is interested in holding another luncheon in December with the CRC and Village Board.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Commissioner Hazaray stated the Youth Commission will host a Workshop on Relationships at the Northbrook Public Library in the auditorium on May 11 from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. and explained the event.

Eyes & Ears on the Street

- Representative Lonoff discussed her recent visit to the Skokie Holocaust Museum and recommended it to everyone.
- Representative Martin stated that the St. Norbert's Block Party would be held on Saturday, June 8. He also stated that Father Bob Heinz was going into semi-retirement.

Next Meeting

The next CRC meeting is on June 6, 2019.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Bruckman, seconded by Commissioner Beeftink, to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik Jensen
Staff Liaison