

APPROVED
Minutes of a Regular Remote Access of the
Community Relations Commission
Northbrook, IL
Thursday, May 13, 2021

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

Absent: Commissioners Helena Osorio, Grace Seo & Sarah Kroeschell

Representatives: Ron Mantegna, Mary Hansen, Alice Lonoff

Guests: Joy Stuart/Northbrook Park District
Tracy Gossage/Northbrook Public Library
Lauren Bondy
Trustee Bob Israel

Others: Staff Liaison Madeline Farrell

Welcome

Chairman Doughty welcomed everyone at 7:01 p.m.

Hear from the Audience

Ms. Gossage noted the following from the Library:

- Weekend of May 29/30 – goodie bags available for students studying for finals
- Weekend of June 5/6 – summer reading kick-off event

Trustee Israel thanked the library for their efforts in supporting the three new little free libraries around town. They are located in three locations: in front of Village Hall, in front of the fire station on Shermer, and one on the east side of town.

Ms. Stuart shared the following from the Park District:

- Held successful Northbrook on Ice show
- Released the 2021 Summer guide
- Conducting the community input portion of the five and 10-year Comprehensive Master Plans

Commissioner Bruckman asked about the status of Heritage Oaks. Ms. Stuart shared that the clubhouse is undergoing final construction and the golf course opening is largely dependent on good weather.

Community Presentation

Trustee Israel introduced Northbrook's Climate Action Plan (CAP) to the CRC. He indicated that the CAP team is made up of both Village staff and community members. He briefly provided some background information on why the CAP is so important and how the Plan was developed. He also highlighted some key action items that the CRC may be able to support.

47 Commissioner Vile asked how these action items were selected and how the CRC can help implement or
48 enhance the plan. Trustee Israel briefly explained the CAP team's process and emphasized that this is a
49 draft plan.

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51 Chairman Doughty suggested Trustee Israel complete his presentation then the CRC can ask preliminary
52 questions but that the CRC conduct longer individual reviews and add comments via the link provided by
53 Trustee Israel.

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55 Representative Mantegna expressed concern with the process and suggested that the June 21 deadline
56 for public comment is too soon, as many people may not understand the effects this plan could have on
57 their individual lives. Trustee Israel noted that communication is key to the plan's success and the
58 Village has devoted resources toward disseminating this information to residents.

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60 Following Trustee Israel's presentation, he showed the CRC how to submit public comment. Trustee
61 Israel stated that he would return for the CRC's June 3 meeting to answer any remaining questions.

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63 **Review & Approval of April 1, 2021, CRC Regular Meeting Minutes**

64 Revisions are:

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66 • Correct header on every page from January 7, 2021 to *April 1, 2021*
67 • Line 17 reword to say *There was no meeting to report*
68 • Line 37 reword to say *will occur through the month of October. The author visit is on*
69 *October 19, 2021*
70 • Line 133/134 reword to say *The Village Church assisted 250 people receive appointments for*
71 *vaccinations.*

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73 A motion was made by Commissioner Bruckman, seconded by Commissioner Hazaray, to approve the
74 April 1, 2021, CRC regular meeting minutes as amended. On a roll call vote, the motion passed
75 unanimously.

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78 **Update on Activities**

79 1. A Celebration of Cultures

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81 Commissioner Beeftink advised that we may look at in-person or a hybrid model for the event in
82 November based on state's COVID changes. Need to reschedule last meeting due to attendance
83 issues.

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85 2. Northbrook Cares

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87 Chairman Doughty advised that the subcommittee needs to schedule a meeting for some time
88 in June. Everyone has their assignments and needs to get website edits to Madeline.

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90 Planning to work with the high school in early fall regarding senior buddy system.

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94 3. Flamingo Fridays

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96 Commissioner Bruckman stated that he and Commissioner Kroeschell briefly chatted and plan to
97 meet next week. They would like to discuss internally first before bringing information forward
98 to the Village Board. Madeline requested information on purchasing flamingos. Commissioner
99 Bruckman suggested touching base with Erik Jensen in Public Works for guidance.

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101 One Book, One Northbrook

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103 Ms. Gossage stated that the committee has divided itself into programming and outreach
104 sections. Programming will take place during the month of October. Commissioner Beeftink
105 offered her assistance.

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107 **News from Schools**

108 Commissioner Beeftink shared information about Niles North:

- 109 • students are returning slowly but surely
- 110 • preparing for graduation and students will receive two tickets each
- 111 • modified prom on the football field
- 112 • drive-by senior check out and finals next week

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114 Commissioners Martin and Beeftink shared information on St. Norbert's:

- 115 • a new principal is being sought
- 116 • starting up fall sports registration
- 117 • first communions held in small groups
- 118 • planning end-of-year field day

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120 Chairman Doughty shared the following from District 225:

- 121 • most staff has returned and have been vaccinated
- 122 • sports are 'stacking' their seasons
- 123 • proms occurring over next few weeks
- 124 • hosting two upcoming vaccination clinics for students and community members
- 125 • graduation will be at Rosemont in three sessions
- 126 • senior night "lock-ins" have been scheduled
- 127 • looking forward to returning to regular scheduling next fall

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129 **News from Northbrook Clergy Association**

130 Ms. Hansen reported that there have been two meetings since the last CRC meeting. Concerns regarding
131 Asian hate crimes were discussed.

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133 They determined that the Thanksgiving event will be held at Temple Beth-El. Representative Hansen
134 mentioned that the Village passed a Race Amity Day Proclamation at its April 27 meeting to be observed
135 on June 13.

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137 Representative Hansen left the meeting at 7:59PM.

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139 **Old Business**

140 Representative Beeftink mentioned that she watched some of the Family Service Center celebration and
141 thought Chairman Doughty's speech was a good representation of the CRC.

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143 **New Business**

144 There was no New Business.

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146 **Eyes & Ears on the Street**

147 There was nothing to report.

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149 **Next Meeting**

150 The next CRC meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2021. Chairman Doughty mentioned that he may need to
151 change the date.

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153 **Adjournment**

154 Commissioner Martin moved, seconded by Commissioner Hazaray, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

155 On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

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157 Respectfully submitted,

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160 Madeline Farrell

161 Committee Liaison

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164 <https://palebluedot.llc/northbrook-cap-review-menu>