

**Minutes of a Meeting of the  
Community Relations Commission  
Northbrook, IL  
Thursday, June 6, 2019**

Present: Chairman Bruce Doughty, Commissioners Christine Beeftink, Elliot Bruckman, Sarah Kroeschell, & Helena Osorio

Absent: Commissioners Emmeline Hazaray, John Martin, Grace Seo, & Patti Vile

Representatives: Mary Hansen, Ron Mantegna, & Marilyn Thompson

Others: Staff Liaison Erik Jensen & Recording Secretary Gale Cerabona

**Welcome**

Chairman Doughty called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. in the Board Room at Village Hall.

**Hear from the Audience**

There was no audience.

**Review & Approval of May 1, 2019, CRC Special Meeting Minutes**

Revisions were noted as follows:

- Line 132 correct the spelling to *Mamma*
- Line 139 delete *November or*

A motion was made by Commissioner Bruckman, seconded by Commissioner Kroeschell, to approve the May 7, 2019 CRC special meeting minutes as amended. On a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Village Update**

Liaison Jensen reviewed the status of various construction projects within the Village.

Liaison Jensen notified the Commission of various upcoming events, including the Fourth of July celebration and upcoming Concerts in the Park series.

Representative Mantegna asked about mosquitos and ticks. Liaison Jensen stated the North Shore Mosquito Abatement District had recently detected a West Nile Virus-positive mosquito pool in Northbrook and explained the role of the mosquito abatement districts.

**Update on Activities**

1. Northbrook Cares

Chairman Doughty advised the next meeting would be held on June 26, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. He noted the website would be reviewed.

2. Celebration of Cultures

Commissioner Beeftink advised the next meeting would occur on June 17, 2019 at Village Hall at 7 p.m. The date of the event is November 3, 2019.

3. Welcome to Northbrook/Flamingo Fridays

Chairman Doughty stated the event was great. Commissioner Bruckman thought it was better than expected.

A brief conversation followed on the new components of the program.

Commissioner Kroeschell stated 35 email addresses were obtained from participants who had picked up a flamingo. Commissioner Bruckman noted the bags were a big hit and thanked Liaison Jensen for all of his assistance.

4. One Community, One Book

Commissioner Beeftink advised there was a soft opening at the library. The kick-off event is on June 30, 2019, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**News from Schools**

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

- School will be out on June 19.
- The District's facilities referendum did not pass.
- A new Principal has come on board.
- She will be a 2d grade teacher next year.

Commissioner Beeftink shared information from Niles North:

- There are openings for teachers and an Assistant Principal.
- The District is opening a facility for handicapped students.

Chairman Doughty shared the following from District 225:

- Graduation occurred recently.
- Dr. Charles Johns, the incoming District Superintendent, is transitioning in. A retirement celebration was also held for Dr. Riggle.

Representative Mantegna noted that his senior discussion groups had participants from a number of ideological backgrounds and that civility could be a concern at times. He asked Chairman Doughty if the same is occurring within local high school students.

Chairman Doughty noted that he does not necessarily have frequent, direct contact with students in his capacity, but that teachers encourage dialogue. He briefly discussed the State's civics education requirements.

A brief conversation followed on social media and the impact it has on civility and dialogue. Commissioner Beeftink noted that panels with teachers and students have been helpful for building dialogue.

Liaison Jensen noted that the Youth Commission had previously explored this topic and had a community training session on it in the recent past.

#### **News from Northbrook Clergy Association**

Representative Hansen stated a meeting took place on Wednesday, June 5. The new Priest at the Catholic Community of Northbrook is Father Christopher Gustafson. She noted that the clergy were looking to hold the Clergy Luncheon again this year and briefly explained the event for new Commissioners and Representatives.

#### **Old Business**

There was no Old Business.

#### **New Business**

There was no New Business

#### **Eyes & Ears on the Street**

Representative Hansen shared that Representative Lonoff had contacted her and let her know that the most recent RAIN event had 63 people in attendance. Representative Hansen shared a list of upcoming RAIN events, including presentations and discussions on July 23 and 25.

Representative Mantegna shared that the Village Presbyterian Church will host the ninth Annual North Shore Chamber Music Festival on June 12, 14, and 15.

Chairman Doughty shared that St. Norbert's is hosting the Annual St. Norbert's Fun Run & Block Party on June 8.

Liaison Jensen stated the *Notify Me* list (email list for updates) is available for construction projects and on the Northbrook Village website.

#### **Next Meeting**

Chairman Doughty noted that the CRC had traditionally cancelled one summertime meeting and that the next regularly scheduled meeting would be occurring on July 4. He noted that the July 4 regular meeting would need to be cancelled and asked if the Commission would like to reschedule that meeting and cancel the August meeting.

A brief discussion occurred on potential dates for the next meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bruckman, seconded by Commissioner Kroeschell, to cancel the July 4, 2019 meeting and reschedule it for July 18, 2019, at 7 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bruckman, seconded by Commissioner Kroeschell, to cancel the August 1, 2019 meeting. On a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

#### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Commissioner Bruckman, seconded by Commissioner Osorio, to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Gale Cerabona  
Recording Secretary