Minutes of a Meeting of the
Community Relations Commission
Northbrook, IL
Thursday, July 18, 2019

Present: Chairman Bruce Doughty, Commissioners Emmeline Hazaray, Sarah Kroeschell, John Martin & Patti Vile

Absent: Commissioners Christine Beeftink, Elliot Bruckman, Helena Osorio, Grace Seo

Representatives: Mary Hansen & Alice Lonoff

Guests: Tracy Gossage/Northbrook Public Library & Joy Stuart/Northbrook Park District

Others: Staff Liaison Erik Jensen & Recording Secretary Gale Cerabona

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

Hear from the Audience
Ms. Gossage advised of the following happenings at the Northbrook Public Library:
- The One Community, One Book program was occurring this month and going well.
- The Library will be screening American Creed.

Ms. Stuart advised of the following happenings at the Park District:
- Sportsman’s Country Club will be closed for the 2020 season to complete renovations. The Park District is working with other courses to allow members to play elsewhere during the season.
- The Activity Center will open in 2021.

Review & Approval of April 29, 2019, Celebration of Cultures’ Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Revision was noted as follows:
- Line 26 delete the second phrase...the meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Kroeschell, to approve the April 29, 2019, Celebration of Cultures’ subcommittee meeting minutes as amended. On a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Review & Approval of May 1, 2019, Northbrook Cares’ Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
Revision was noted as follows:
- Line 3 correct the title of the subcommittee meeting minutes to Northbrook Cares

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Vile, to approve the May 1, 2019, Northbrook Cares’ subcommittee meeting minutes as amended. On a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Review & Approval of May 2, 2019, Flamingo Friday Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
A motion was made by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Kroeschell, to approve the May 2, 2019 Flamingo Friday subcommittee meeting minutes. On a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Review & Approval of June 6, 2019, CRC Regular Meeting Minutes**

Revision was noted as follows:
- Line 100 revise the new President...to *Pastor of the Catholic Community of Northbrook*

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Hazaray, to approve the June 6, 2019 special CRC meeting minutes as amended. On a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Village Update**

Liaison Jensen deferred to Ms. Stuart to speak about the Fourth of July. She advised the parade was great, and Park District and Village worked well together throughout the event. The sponsors were great, and the fireworks were amazing.

Commissioner Hazaray mentioned chairs were placed (to reserve seating) the night before along the parade route. Staff Liaison Jensen stated it is a long-standing tradition.

Liaison Jensen highlighted the following:
- Northbrook Days will be held Wednesday, July 31 through Sunday, August 4.
- National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 6.
- The annual Plein Air Painting Festival will be held in late September.

Liaison Jensen briefly overviewed the current construction projects occurring within the area.

Commissioner Vile asked about Northbrook Court. Liaison Jensen stated there is no additional news at this time.

Commissioner Kroeschell briefly discussed the Citizens Police Academy and her experience with it.

**Update on Activities**

1. **Northbrook Cares**

   Chairman Doughty briefly reviewed the most recent subcommittee meeting and stated an additional meeting would be held on Monday, August 19 to review the website and discuss additional organizations. He stated the intent was to enrichen the existing resources and potentially expand the website to more audiences.

2. **Celebration of Cultures**

   Liaison Jensen stated the event will be held on Sunday, November 3. He briefly reviewed the groups participating and stated that the group would be working on a budget proposal for October’s meeting.

3. **Welcome to Northbrook/Flamingo Fridays**
It was noted a date would soon be determined. Chairman Doughty thanked those for their great work.

**News from Schools**
Commissioner Kroeschell shared information from River Trails District 26 in Mt. Prospect:
- Kindergarteners will be moved to attend Park View School in 2020.

Commissioner Martin shared information from St. Norbert’s School:
- The school’s new principal has started.
- Wednesday, August 21 would be the first day of school.
- Enrollment is currently up.

Chairman Doughty shared the following from District 225:
- New GBN Superintendent, Dr. Charles Johns, began on Monday, July 1.
- Summer school ends next week.
- Chairman Doughty spoke to four Civics classes at Glenbrook South as President of the Board at the invitation of the classes. He gave a presentation and held a question and answer session with the students and was impressed by their thoughtful questions and engagement. He noted students were asking questions about homework loads, mental health, etc.

Liaison Jensen reminded the Commission that these topics are currently being discussed in the Youth Commission’s forums.

**News from Northbrook Clergy Association**
Representative Hansen stated:
- There is a new Pastor, Jon C. McCoy, at North Northfield United Methodist.
- The Library is currently building support to host a traveling exhibit by the American Holocaust Museum.

Chairman Doughty stated there would be a Clergy Luncheon on December 4 with Village representatives. The Village President will attend.

**Old Business**
There was no Old Business.

**New Business**
There was no New Business

**Eyes & Ears on the Street**
There were no comments.

**Next Meeting**
A brief discussion occurred on holding a special CRC meeting for September and October and cancelling the regular meetings. After discussion, the Commission decided to hold two special meetings on Thursday, September 12 and Thursday, October 17.
A motion was made by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Kroeschell, to cancel the regular meetings scheduled for Thursday, September 5 and Thursday, October 3 and hold special meetings on Thursday, September 12 and Thursday, October 17 in their place. On a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**
A motion was made by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Hazaray, to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Gale Cerabona
Recording Secretary