



Human Relations Commission

Minutes

January 26, 2022 6:30 P.M.

via Teleconference

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Members present: McKenzie Edmonds, Matt Weiss, Charlie DeSando, Sharveta Parker, Maria Van Hoorn

Others present: Assistant Village Manager Tyler Burkart, Interim Police Chief Thomas Liebenthal, Police Captain Fernando Santiago

2. Consider Approval of October 14, 2021 minutes

Mr. DeSando moved to approve the October 14, 2021 minutes. Motion seconded by Ms. Edmonds. Motion approved by a 5-0 vote.

3. Public Comments

No public comments.

4. Discuss Observations in the Community

Ms. Parker asked for someone to touch base with Jennifer Anderson about an article in Shorewood Today about the availability education resources to be posted on the Village website. Mr. DeSando will get in touch with Ms. Anderson. The committee thanked Mr. Burkart for his efforts with the commission.

5. Staff Liaison Updates

Mr. Burkart introduced Captain Santiago to the commission as he will be serving as the next staff liaison. The Village Board will be considering two appointments to fill Ms. Sisson and Ms. Duran Belen's seats. The Village has yet to hear any word of students interested in serving on the commission. The Village issued a request for proposals to conduct an environmental scan on the organization. Village Manager Ewald would like 1-2 representatives from the commission to review proposals and interview firms. Ms. Edmonds volunteered and will reach out to Ms. Ewald. Interim Chief Liebenthal reiterated how Captain Santiago will serve as the liaison on behalf of the Police Department and thanked the commission for working with him.

6. Discuss and Reflect on the Shorewood Speaks Event on Affordable Housing

The commission spent some time reflecting on the Shorewood Speaks event. The education subcommittee took note of the survey responses shared during the event. Some felt the event was more geared towards the CDA's mission rather than the HRC's mission. The meaning and why of affordable housing still needs to be decided on by the community. More examples including costs and incomes will be helpful to tie that

directly to Shorewood. The education subcommittee has been discussing potential topics for a next Shorewood Speaks. Mr. Burkart mentioned the next Shorewood Speaks could be in early summer. Topics may include elections and voting rights or an introduction of the new Police Chief. The Library book club has a book that may tie in nicely with the elections topic. The commission expressed support for elections and voting rights and encouraged the topic to take place in June.

7. Discuss Committee Annual Report

Mr. Burkart shared the commission's annual report that was compiled. Mr. Burkart will submit on behalf of the commission. There were no added comments or changes.

8. Subcommittee Updates on Implementing Plans to Address Racial Inequities

Mr. DeSando provided an update on the HRC resource repository that is now available on the Village website. He welcomes a new name for the resource. Commission members are welcome to add to it if they come across any recommended resources.

9. Future Agenda Items and Speakers

Mr. Burkart mentioned the next meeting will occur in March.

10. Adjournment

Mr. DeSando moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Weiss. Motion approved by 5-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tyler Burkart
Assistant Village Manager