



Morton Grove Community Relations Committee
Agenda and Meeting Notice

Monday March 18, 2024 6:30 p.m. 2nd Floor Scanlon Conference Room
6101 Capulina Morton Grove, IL 60053

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of – January 15, 2024
3. PROGRAMS & EVENTS
 - a. Outstanding Neighbor
 - i. No new nominees
 - b. Neighborhood Outreach
 - i. Thursday May 16, 2024, 6:00 pm Location Edison School
 - o Volunteers needed!
 - ii. Thursday October 17, 2024, 6:00 pm Location Parkview School
 - c. Adopt a Planter,
 - i. Summer
 1. Plant Pick up Day –June 1, 2024
 - o Update on Train Station, marketing timeline, etc.
 - ii. Winter
 1. Plant Pick up Day – Proposed planting date November 23, 2024
 - d. Photo Contest (Summer 2024) June 1- September 1
 - e. 2024 Resident Handbook
 - f. Community Garage Sale
 - i. June 7 - 9
 - g. Free Little Library
 - h. Community Block Party
 - i. Discuss block party kit
4. NEW BUSINESS
5. OTHER BUSINESS
 - a. Meeting Schedule:
 - i. May 20, 2024
 - ii. July 15, 2024
 - iii. September 16, 2024
 - iv. November 18, 2024
6. AUDIENCE COMMENTS
7. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 15, 2024
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING
MORTON GROVE VILLAGE HALL – 6101 CAPULINA AVE
MORTON GROVE, IL 60053

Pursuant to proper notice in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Theresa Polyak who led the assemblage in the pledge of allegiance. In attendance were:

Members: Theresa Polyak, Laurie Katz, Robert Burkhart, Kristey Chalabi, Janice Cha, Katherine Yi

Absent: Ginny Ching-Yin Lo, Iqra Azhar, Patrick Baldwin

Village Staff : Trustee Connie Travis, Corporation Counsel Teresa Hoffman Liston

Chairperson Polyak asked for approval of minutes for the September 19, 2023. Motion made by Commissioner Burkhart and seconded by Commissioner Cha. Minutes approved unanimously via voice vote.

Chairperson Polyak began the meeting going over programs and events.

- **Outstanding Neighbor:** No new nominees
- **Neighborhood Outreach:** The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday February 15, 2024, location is TBD.

Chairperson Polyak asked for volunteers to sign up to be at the welcome table.

Trustee Travis gave an overview of what the neighborhood outreach meeting is and explained what the volunteers do at the welcome table.

- **Summer Adopt a Planter:** Plant Pick-up will be June 1, 2024. Commissioner Cha gave an overview of the program.

Commissioner Chalabi asked who supplies the plants for the program. Paddock Farm is the vendor as stated by Terry Liston.

Commissioner Katz asked how the program is advertised? Trustee Travis stated that the Village used various means to advertise program such as social media, e-news, postcards, and its announced at the board meetings.

- **Winter Adopt a Planter:** Terry Liston mentioned that there was a new concept introduced this year with winter plants kits. She asked the commissioners what their thoughts were of the planter kit, and they had positive feedback.
- **Summer Photo Contest:** The contest runs from June 1- September 1. The winner will be announced the second board meeting in September.

Trustee Travis went on to detail the program overview. She mentioned how the program was a big hit when it first started but now there seemed to be dwindling interest in it. The commission decided to scale back the program to just a summer photo contest. The Commissioners will vote at the end of the program on the winners.

- **Resident Handbook:** Chairperson Polyak asked all the commissioners to go through the updated 2024 handbook and see if there are any final corrections.

- **Community Garage Sale:** The Commissioners decided to hold the Community Garage Sale the weekend of June 7, 8, 9. Trustee Travis introduced the program. This is a program the Village has been doing for about 4 years now. All residents who sign up are added to a map of all the homes hosting a garage sale.

Commissioner Burkhart asked if the Village will consider hosting a space for people who live in condos to sell items. Terry Liston said she will follow up with Village staff to see if we can host something like this.

Terry Liston also mentioned that we will be looking for sponsors for the Garage Sale.

- **Free Little Library:** The structure is well maintained and managed by the library. Commissioners are encouraged to visit and add books as needed.
- **Community Artist Performance:** On hold.
- **Community Block Party:** The Village is looking into adding a “Green Your Block Party” section to the kit with information on how to be more eco-conscious at block parties.

After reviewing agenda items, Chairperson Polyak asked if there is anything else that commissioners would like to discuss. She mentioned the Village is Hosting a Commission Appreciation Night on Thursday, February 29, 2024. All members are invited.

Commissioner Burkhart asked if there will be new name badges made for commission members. Terry Liston said she will follow-up with that at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7:28 PM. Motion was made by Commissioner Cha and seconded by Commissioner Chalabi.

Minutes By

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