



**Morton Grove Community Relations Committee**  
**Agenda and Meeting Notice**

Monday May 20, 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 – March 18, 2024
3. INTRODUCE NEW MEMBER – Gladys Rosas
4. PROGRAMS & EVENTS
  - a. Outstanding Neighbor
    - i. No new nominees
  - b. Neighborhood Outreach
    - i. Thursday October 17, 2024, 6:00 pm Location Parkview School
  - c. Adopt a Planter
    - i. Summer
      1. Plant Pick up Day –June 1, 2024 – Volunteers needed
    - ii. Winter
      1. Plant Pick up Day –November 23, 2024 (TBD)
  - d. Photo Contest (Summer 2024) June 1- September 1
  - e. 2024 Resident Handbook
    - i. Review for 2025 updates.
  - f. Community Garage Sale June 7-9
    - i. Sign Pick-up: June 1 - Volunteers needed
  - g. Free Little Library
  - h. Community Block Party
    - i. Kits available at Civic Center, Village Hall, and Village Website
5. NEW BUSINESS
6. OTHER BUSINESS
  - a. Meeting Schedule:
    - i. July 15, 2024
    - ii. September 16, 2024
    - iii. November 18, 2024
7. AUDIENCE COMMENTS
8. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 18, 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 6:35 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, Lisa Khabeer

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

Guest : Gladys Rosas

Chairperson Polyak asked for approval of minutes for the January 15, 2024. Motion made by Commissioner Cha and seconded by Commissioner Burkhart. 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 May 16, 2024, at Edison School.

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

Chairperson Polyak commented on the success of the February Neighborhood Outreach Meeting and appreciated having a change to hear from our state representatives. She suggested having the school board members attend the next one. Terry Liston mentioned that at the May meeting there will be County and township representative in attendance.

- **Summer Adopt a Planter:** Plant Pick-up will be Saturday, June 1, 2024.

Terry Liston mentioned that the planters at the Metra Station most likely will not be available this summer due to construction.

- **Winter Adopt a Planter:** Terry Liston mentioned that the trees from the winter program are being given away to residents as part of an Earth Month initiative. Residents will get a chance to sign up to receive one the trees. Public Works will be delivering the trees to residents who want a tree. Any left over trees will be planted around the Village and/or donated to the Park District, Botanic Gardens, or Zoo.

Commissioner Katz asked how many trees are available, Terry Liston mentioned there are 100. Commissioner Cha asked if residents are allowed to plant the trees in the parkways and Terry Liston mentioned that the trees can only be planted on private property.

- **Summer Photo Contest:** The contest runs from June 1- September 1. The winner will be announced the second board meeting in September.
- **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. Emails have been sent to businesses to sponsor the event.

- **Free Little Library:** The structure is well maintained and managed by the library. Commissioners are encouraged to visit and add books as needed.
- **Community Block Party:** Green Your Block Party section has been added.

Commissioner Burkhart asked how these kits are being distributed. He suggested having copies at the Civic Center and Library.

After reviewing agenda items, Chairperson Polyak asked if there is anything else that commissioners would like to discuss.

Commissioner Burkhart mentioned a new film being sponsored by Cook County Against Hate called Refuge. He attended an event where the film was featured and encouraged everyone to check it out. There are also various follow-up initiatives from Cook County Against Hate and wants to encourage the commission members to check it out.

Trustee Travis did a quick overview of the volunteer needs for the upcoming Summer Adopt a Planter Program. Volunteers will be needed to make the signs that go in the planters. Then on the day of plant pick up volunteers will be needed to put the plant kits together. Community Garage Sale signs will also be handed out the same day. Volunteers will be needed to give out these signs as well.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7:05 PM. Motion was made by Commissioner Cha and seconded by Commissioner Chalabi.

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