



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

Monday September 16, 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 – May 20, 2024
3. PROGRAMS & EVENTS
  - a. Summer Photo Contest
    - i. Review entries, select winners
  - b. Neighborhood Outreach
    - i. Thursday October 17, 2024, 6:00 pm Location Parkview School
    - ii. Volunteers needed
  - c. Adopt a Planter
    - i. Summer
    - ii. Winter
      1. Plant Pick up Day –November 23, 2024 (TBD)
  - d. 2024 Resident Handbook
    - i. Review for 2025 updates.
  - e. Community Block Party
    - i. Kits available at Village Hall, and Village Website
  - f. Outstanding Neighbor
    - i. No new nominees
4. NEW BUSINESS
5. OTHER BUSINESS
  - a. Meeting Schedule:
    - i. November 18, 2024
6. AUDIENCE COMMENTS
7. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES OF THE MAY 20, 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, Patrick Baldwin, Lisa Khabeer, Robert Burkhart, Gladys Rosas, Mohammed Farooqui, Ginny Ching-Yin Lo, Katherine Yi, Janice Cha

Absent: Iqra Azhar, Kristey Chalabi

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

Guest : Najma Farooqui

Chairperson Polyak asked for approval of minutes for the March 18, 2024. Motion made by Commissioner Burkhart and seconded by Commissioner Khabeer. 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 October 17, 2024, at Parkview School.

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

Trustee Travis thanked all the members who volunteered at the May Neighborhood Outreach.

- **Summer Adopt a Planter:** Plant Pick-up will be Saturday, June 1, 2024. Volunteers needed.
- **Winter Adopt a Planter:** Plant pick up will be November 23, 2024. Volunteers will also be needed to distribute these kits.

Terry Liston asked the commissioner what they would prefer for the winter program. There was positive feedback for the winter plants kits and trees. Commissioners were asked to think about if they want to have the same mix of trees and winter kits or change anything.

- **Summer Photo Contest:** The contest runs from June 1- September 1. The winner will be announced at the second board meeting in September.
- **Resident Handbook:** Chairperson Polyak asked all the commissioners to submit any updates for the 2025 handbook.
- **Community Garage Sale:** Community Garage Sale will be the weekend of June 7, 8, 9. Emails have been sent to businesses to sponsor the event. Trustee Travis explained that sign pick up will be on June 1 and asked for volunteers to help hand out signs.
- **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.

After reviewing agenda items, Chairperson Polyak asked if there was any new business.

Trustee Travis had a conversation with resident John Cole who was interested in learning more about what the Village plans to do for Pride Month. She mentioned that the Village will have a post on social media and a proclamation will be presented at the board meeting. These were efforts brought together from various commission members and residents and discussions will continue for Pride Month 2025.

Commissioner Burkhart asked the commissioners to look around at other communities and see if there are ideas for future CRC events.

With no further business, Chairperson Polyak adjourned the meeting at 7:10pm. Motion was made by Commissioner Cha and seconded by Commissioner Yi.

Minutes By

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