

Flossmoor Community Relations Commission

Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2016

Call to order

Meeting called to order the regular meeting of the Community Relations Commission at 7:08 pm at Flossmoor Village Hall.

Roll call

Kimberly Richardson, Assistant to the Village Manager, conducted a roll call. The following people were present: Commissioners Mary Muse, Scott Ford, Kevin Jordan, Tony Parker, Maggie Bachus, Margaret Epperson, and Laura Brennan-Levy. Absent: Shelley Amuh and Greg Byron

Residents Present Wishing to Address the Commission - None

I. Agenda Items

A. Approval of the December 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The Commission approved the December 8, 2015 meeting minutes as written.

B. Open Items

1. Feedback Discussion of MLK Day of Service

The Commissioners all agreed that the 2016 MLK Day of Service was a well-received by the community. The number of participants more than doubled from last year.

- PADS: This activity took place at Flossmoor Community Church Commissioner from 5 am – 6 pm. Margaret Epperson did an excellent job in coordinating the activities and managing both the volunteers and PADS men. The location had over 150 volunteers more than enough for the 44 men served during the event. It was recommended that for next year to limit the number of volunteers.
- Village Hall Open House: The activities at this location were from 2 -4 pm. Over 120 people participated in the open house, which included volunteer organizations, holiday card making for seniors, food and clothes collections, and creating plarn for plastic mats.

Recommendation for next year:

- The Commission agreed that they will start recruiting additional organizations to provide volunteer opportunities on MLK Day in early October. This year proved that the event has support from the community and both PADS and the Village Hall has reached capacity for the number of volunteers.
- The Commission will request clothing donations earlier than a week before the event.

2. Discussion of Commission Goals for 2016

- Thankgiveaway – This event is similar to a free garage sale that would take place in the summer. Residents would be able to set a table of items they would want to giveaway.
- Senior Focus Programs – Work with police department to create a Senior ID program for seniors.
- Meet and Greet – The Commission will review if this event viable to continue at a future meeting.

D. Reports

Green Committee

Commissioner Maggie Bachus updated the Commission on the activities of the Green Committee. On May 14, the Committee will host a recycling event from 10 am -1 pm. The event will include recycling electronics, clothes, eyeglasses, and other items. The event is in collaboration with School District 161.

II. New Business

Mary announced to the Commission that Kimberly Richardson accepted a new position with the City of Evanston and will be leaving the Village of Flossmoor in a couple weeks. She thanked Kimberly.

III. Next Meeting: The next meeting is schedule February 23 is cancelled; the next scheduled meeting is for March 22.

IV. Adjournment

Mary Muse adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Kimberly Richardson