

Community Relations Commission  
July 26, 2016  
Minutes

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Present: Chairperson Laura Brennan-Levy, Commissioners Tony Park, Greg Byron, Shelley Amuh

Absent: Scott Ford, Maggie Bachus (via phone)

Staff in attendance: Village Manager Bridget Wachtel, Police Chief Michael Pulec, Assistant Village Manager Allison Deitch

**II. Residents Present Wishing to Address the Commission**

There were no residents present to address the commission.

**III. Agenda Items**

**A. Approval of the June 28, 2016 Minutes**

The minutes of the June 28, 2016 meeting were approved by a voice vote.

*Motion: Greg Bryon Second: Shelley Amuh*

**B. Open Items**

**1. Recruitment of New Commissioners**

Chairperson Levy reviewed the six applications that have been received for the commission. She was in the process of talking to each of the applicants and would provide her notes to Mayor Braun.

Chairperson Levy also discussed seeking recommendations from the H-F teachers for a student participant but suggested waiting until school starts.

**2. 2016 Flossmoor Fest**

**New Resident invite**

The commission discussed sending a postcard to new residents to invite them to visit the Community Relations table at Flossmoor Fest. There will be 100 bags ready for new residents.

**Non-profit organization connections**

The commission discussed providing new residents with a list and information on area organizations as a way of helping them connect to the community. Commissioners will each take a few organizations to contact and ask them how they would like to be promoted to the community. The list would also be added to the Village website. Allison Deitch suggested a 'Passport' card that would encourage new residents to visit booths at Flossmoor Fest and return a card to be entered in a drawing for a rain barrel.

The commission suggested adding the Citizen Police Academy.

**Giveaway**

Maggie Bachus and Allison Deitch will coordinate the giveaway.

**3. Movies in the Park**

- Aug 19 – Inside Out – Flossmoor Park

Members of the commission will plan to volunteer at the movie.

C. Reports

1. Green Committee

Maggie Bachus discussed the Green Committee's presence at Flossmoor Fest and the commission's efforts to recruit a new member.

**IV. New Business**

Police Department: Chief Pulec discussed what the Police Department is doing to build relationships with the community. The Police Department will continue to have a presence on the Community Relations Commission. Shelley Amuh suggested that the department consider being more involved with students at Parker Junior High. Bridget Wachtel said she would bring it up when she meets with District 161 administration.

**V. Next Meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for August 23, 2016. Laura Brennan-Levy suggested canceling the November meeting which falls during Thanksgiving week.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

*Motion: Greg Byron, Second: Shelley Amuh*