

# VILLAGE OF FLOSSMOOR COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

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Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019  
7:00 pm

## Flossmoor Village Hall Committee Room

### MINUTES

- I. Call to Order  
Chair James Cheung called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
- II. Roll Call  
Present: James Cheung, Chair; Kate Goesel, Vice Chair; Commissioners Rosalind Mustafa, Myron Graham, Scott Ford and Phillippa Leon-Thompson  
Absent: HFHS Liaison Jonnishaë Bennett  
Staff: Laura Brennan-Levy, Program and Event Coordinator; Sargent Keith Taylor, Police Department
- III. Residents Present Wishing to Address the Commission  
Jamie Paicely, Flossmoor Library Director, came to visit and discuss the new resident event. Resident Maggie Bachus came to promote the Hidden Gem Half Marathon public engagement meeting at the Flossmoor Public Library on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.  
  
Approval of February 2019 Minutes  
Chair Cheung asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2019 meeting. Motion: Commissioner Graham; Second: Vice Chair Goesel. The minutes were approved by a voice vote.
- IV. CRC Budget Review  
Expenses for the new resident event will be applied to the 2018-19 or 2019-20 budget depending on when they are paid. Vice Chair Goesel will use \$100 to purchase gift cards to Flossmoor businesses, and also ask for donations. Other expenses include takeaway bags from the library and the village, volunteer and commissioner nametag lanyards, pizza, and other refreshments.
- V. CRC Events/Programs
  - A. New Resident Event (Spring 2019)  
Commissioners Mustafa and Thompson shared planning information for the event on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 4 pm to 6 pm. Event schedule:  
4-5 pm: Sign-in and tour - volunteer led tours of library and information tables  
5-6 pm: Reception - pizza samplings, presentations from community leaders, and question and answer session.  
All commissioners committed to helping with day of event jobs including set up, welcome table, and tour guides. The commission thanked Jaime Paicely for the library participation, and agreed to plan future new resident events during National Library Week (April 19-25, 2020).
  - B. Opportunities to Encourage Inclusion and Connectivity
    1. 2019 Flossmoor Events  
Laura review the 2019 event calendar, highlighting specific events supported by the

community relations commission:

April 27 New Resident Event  
August 6 National Night Out  
August 10 Back to School Movie in the Park  
September 7 Flossmoor Fest  
October 12 Flossmoor Brew Fest  
December 7 Winterfest  
January 20, 2020 MLK Day of Service

2. Connecting Residents to Flossmoor Businesses

Village staff and the Mayor are reaching out to the Flossmoor Business Association to offer support. Mayor Braun is speaking at an upcoming Homewood Area Chamber of Commerce event to discuss economic development in Flossmoor.

VI. CRC Quarterly Newsletter Submission

The commission will share input for the June newsletter at the next meeting.

VII. Reports

A. Police Liaison Report

Sargent Taylor shared an update at the beginning of the meeting. Crime related to unlock vehicles is an ongoing problem. Sargent Taylor will speak to police chief about safety videos and other communications beyond ECOP.

Commissioners said they would support another Community Safety Meeting, and invited the police department to participate in the new resident event.

Plans for National Night Out on August 6<sup>th</sup> are underway, and include a scheduled police helicopter flyover. A Community Relations Commission information table would be welcome at the event. Sargent Taylor also offered police ride-along opportunities to any commissioner or interested residents.

B. Village of Flossmoor Staff Report

Candidates for the three commission openings will be considered by the Mayor after the election. The "Library in a Bin" was placed in the Village Hall lobby next to the Flossmoor art chair, and is being enjoyed by visiting children.

C. Commissioner Reports

-Commissioner Ford reported that the Board approved a \$25,000 budget for the Flossmoor History Project. Commissioners Ford and Graham will work with Village staff on next steps of project –work with consultant on the historical designation certification process. The CR commission will be asked to help with volunteer recruitment.

-Chair Cheung discussed the Lighthouse LGBTQ+ Pride Party that moved to Homewood. Laura shared that the Village of Flossmoor did reach out to the organization last fall offering event support in Flossmoor, and will make plans for a Flossmoor event in June.

-Commissioner Graham inquired on status of the new resident packet. Laura explained it is on a list of communication projects.

-Commissioner Thompson inquired about the request for email on the vehicle sticker application. Laura said the emails can be used to sign residents up for ENews.

XI. New Business

No new business.

X. Adjournment

Chair Cheung called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Motion: Vice Chair Goesel; Second: Commissioner Ford. Motion passed by a voice vote.

NEXT MEETING: April 23rd, 2019 @ 7pm