

# VILLAGE OF FLOSSMOOR COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

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Tuesday, September 24, 2019  
MINUTES

- I. Call to Order  
*Chairman Goesel called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.*
- II. Roll Call  
*Present: Chairman Goesel, Commissioners Mustafa, Graham, Flynn, Harris, O'Shea, Leon-Thompson, Riffice*  
*Absent: None*
- III. Residents Present Wishing to Address the Commission  
*None*
- IV. Approval of August 2019 Minutes  
*Chairman Goesel called for a motion to approve the minutes of August 27, 2019.*  
*Motion: Commission Mustafa*  
*Second: Commissioner Riffice*  
*Motion passed by a voice vote.*
- V. Welcome New Commissioner  
*Chairman Goesel welcomed new commissioner Jamie O'Shea to the CRC. Commissioner O'Shea has been an active volunteer at CRC events and has attended CRC meetings for years as a community member.*
- VI. Flossmoor Fest Roundtable (10 Minutes)  
*Commissioners reviewed Flossmoor Fest and shared their thoughts on what went well and what the Village should take a look at improving. Generally, feedback was very positive, specifically on the topic of moving the rides to Central Drive.*  
*Under the heading of what went well, the Commission listed: the event was exciting, well-attended, music, food options, diverse crowd in ages and interests, Flossmoor-based restaurants, Central Drive rides, library activities and business activities. Under items to take a look at the Commission listed: add nearby towns/villages to the pin map at the CRC table, add a 'you are here' pin to the map, the CRC floater should come back to the booth, have more Flossmoor swag (t-shirts and posters) available, consider a Flossmoor stories recording booth (similar to NPR Story Corps) and get the high school to help, have additional kids activities (kids exhausted the options quickly), have more Leavitt Park activities, have two stages, consider opening earlier with the Hidden Gem. There was some additional discussion that the break between the race and the fest was a positive because it allowed for volunteers to have some downtime before the fest.*
- VII. Brief Review of Strategic Priorities  
*Chairman Goesel discussed the role of the CRC to help further the village's strategic initiatives including better connecting residents. The Village's events serve as a conduit to connecting to residents and establishing communications with neighborhoods outside of downtown. The CRC has a few events that are led by CRC: the New Resident Event and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service and others that are staff-led such as Flossmoor Fest, Movie in the Park and Brew Fest but are opportunities for CRC to connect with residents.*

*Chairman Goesel stated that the next big initiative for the CRC is the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. Allison discussed a potential service event for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service in January. The proposal is to do a Village-wide door-to-door outreach to inform*

*residents of the census and the importance of responding. Discussion ensued about the relevance of this proposal and other past projects to the spirit of the day and commemoration of Dr. King's legacy. Allison stated she would bring back a more formal proposal for the outreach at the next meeting. Chairman Goesel suggested that the next meeting be a more in-depth discussion of the Day of Service.*

*Commissioner Riffice suggested that the CRC should have a more structured charter with action-oriented goals. She volunteered to put her thoughts in writing for review at a future CRC meeting.*

*Chairman Goesel asked Commissioner Mustafa to report on a conversation she had with the Hidden Gem committee. Commissioner Mustafa reported that she was approached to consider a partnership between the CRC and the Hidden Gem committee for resident outreach. Commissioner Mustafa will bring additional information after meeting with the Hidden Gem committee.*

VIII. Review CRC Budget

*Allison reported that no money had been spent from the CRC budget.*

IX. Adjournment

*Chairman Goesel called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion: Commissioner Riffice. Second: Commissioner Leon-Thompson. Motion passed by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.*