

VILLAGE OF FLOSSMOOR COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

March 29, 2021

7:00 pm

MINUTES

I. **Call to Order**

Chairman Graham called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

II. **Roll Call**

Present: Chairman Graham, Vice Chair Mustafa, Commissioners O'Shea, Al-Amin, Leon-Thompson, Gordon

Absent: Commissioners Harris, Riffice

Staff: Assistant Village Manager Allison Matson

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

None

IV. **Approval of February 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Graham called for a motion to approve the minutes of February 23, 2021. Motion: Commissioner Leon-Thompson, Second: Commissioner Al-Amin. Motion passed by a voice vote.

V. **FY21 CRC Budget**

Allison reviewed the budget. The Commission asked Allison to follow up with the library regarding the *Caste* books the commission purchased to donate to HF High School.

VI. **2021 Events**

Juneteenth - Destiny Watson of You Matter 2 spoke about the plan for the Juneteenth celebration. In lieu of an in-person parade, there will be a virtual parade. For the festival, there will be 3 time slots of 2 ½ hours each allowing for 1,000 attendees at a time. There will be space for 75 vendors and six food trucks. In addition, there is a virtual gala to raise money on June 6 and a Juneteenth pop-up shop on May 8 at Flossmoor Community Church. The fest will also have a Royal Court and the nomination process is open now.

Black History Month - The commission made some suggestions to the thank you letter drafted by Commission Al-Amin. Allison will include it in the report that goes to the Village Board for the Board meeting.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service – Governor’s Hometown Award Finalist – The Village qualified as a finalist for the Governors Hometown Award which recognizes community volunteer efforts. Commissioners Mustafa and Leon-Thompson are going to be part of our next presentation to the Serve Illinois committee. The Village will be honored on April 20 as a finalist.

One Book, One Flossmoor program – A suggestion for the next One Book One Flossmoor selection is *The Sum of Us* by Heather McGee. Commissioner Mustafa commented that Eric Crump of the HF Chronicle suggested it to her as well.

2021 New Resident Event – April 10 at 4 p.m.
The Commission finalized plans for the New Resident Event including setting the date and time for the rehearsal and the date and time for stuffing new resident bags for drop-off.

VII. Community Conversations Follow-Up

No new or additional information.

VIII. Resident Reminders and Communication – Hot topics

No new or additional information.

IX. New Business

Commissioner Mustafa suggested drafting bylaws for the commission to assist with onboarding new commissioners. It could include what attendance is expected, what level of involvement is needed. Commissioner Al-Amin stated that a packet including history, what has been done, what can be done and what the general idea of the commissioner’s role. This would help new commissioners who might not be as likely to jump in and get started. The commission will brainstorm next month.

Allison also suggested a more comprehensive review of CRC’s activities, but stated that would be a good project after the Board completes a strategic plan process.

X. Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The next meeting date was discussed. Allison will ask if the Monday date works.

Chairman Graham called for a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.