

VILLAGE OF FLOSSMOOR COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

April 26, 2021
7:00 pm
VILLAGE HALL AND VIA ZOOM

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order
Chairman Graham called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
Present: Chairman Graham, Commissioners Harris, Al-Amin, Riffice, Mustafa, Leon-Thompson, O'Shea, Gordon (7:45 p.m.)
Absent: None
Staff: Commander Taylor, Assistant Village Manager Allison Matson
- III. Residents Present Wishing to Address the Commission
Allison shared an email from Maggie Bachus regarding the Hidden Gem Half Marathon scheduled for September 11, 2021. The organizers are also planning a 9/11 remembrance. The goals of the race this year are to be inclusive of neighborhoods, remember 9/11 and recognize essential workers, and increase awareness of Flossmoor.
- IV. Approval of March 29, 2021 Meeting Minutes
Chairman Graham called for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2021 meeting. Motion: Commissioner Mustafa, Second: Commissioner Leon-Thompson. Motion passed by a voice vote.
- V. FY21 CRC Budget/FY22 Budget
Allison hadn't updated the budget but shared that nothing had changed from the previous month. The commission suggested using the balance of the budget to purchase gift cards to use in the next fiscal year for the next new resident event. Commissioner Mustafa made a motion to purchase gift cards to use the remaining budget or approximately \$700. Second: Commissioner Riffice. Motion passed by a voice vote.
- VI. New Police Officers Introduction

Commander Taylor introduced new police officers Cepriana Monteleone and Salvador Estrada and the Commissioners welcomed them to Flossmoor.

VII. CRC Guidance/Bylaws

Commissioner Mustafa presented her idea to develop guidelines for CRC membership. The CRC Purpose & Intent is an outward facing document, but there is no inward facing document that says what we expect of ourselves and each other. Discussion ensued. There was some concern that commissioners cannot be expected to give the same amount, given other commitments, like family responsibilities. Chairman Graham expressed concern that the commission should not overstep into areas that the mayor or Board may govern. The Commission decided to share critical success factors in a google document that will be developed by Commissioner O'Shea with Commissioner Riffice.

VIII. 2021 Events

- a. Review recent events/Discuss planned upcoming events
 - i. Juneteenth 2021 Update – The Commission discussed a potential role in the event. Commissioner Riffice suggested we ask Destiny Watson how best we can support the event.
 - ii. One Book, One Flossmoor program – The Commission discussed choosing a lighter book for the next round of One Book One Flossmoor.
 - iii. 2021 New Resident Event – Evaluation – The commission decided to defer this discussion to the May meeting.

IX. Community Conversations Follow-Up

Commissioner Riffice shared that the facilitators were interested in doing another community conversation series, but had been working on a discussion series internally at Flossmoor Community Church.

X. Resident Reminders and Communication – Hot topics

The Commission discussed whether or not to invite recent candidates for elections to the CRC meeting or encourage them to stay involved in the community. The Commission decided it was best to do so as individuals and neighbors rather than as the CRC.

XI. New Business

Commissioner Leon-Thompson asked if there was a plan for the 100-year anniversary of Flossmoor. Allison said that she would mention to Bridget and the Mayor that the CRC would like to be involved.

XII. Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The next meeting was scheduled for May 24, 2021.

Chairman Graham called for a motion to adjourn. Motion: Commissioner Mustafa. Second: Commissioner Leon-Thompson. Motion passed by a voice vote.