

VILLAGE OF GLENCOE
HUMAN RELATIONS FORUM

Regular Meeting
Village Hall Hagenah Conference Room
675 Village Court

Wednesday, January 21, 2015
6:30 p.m.

A G E N D A

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

*Reverend David Wood, Chairman
Paula Alexander, Forum Member
Steven Arenson, Forum Member
Margot Flanagan, Forum Member
Reverend Norris Jackson, Forum Member
John O'Dwyer, Forum Member
Rabbi Steven Stark Lowenstein, Forum Member
Sasha Von Varga, Forum Member
Cary Lewandowski, Ex-officio Member*

2. APPROVE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 15, 2014 MEETING

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. CONTINUE TO DEVELOP NEXT STEPS FOR THE FORUM

From the Minutes of our Sept. 17 meeting:

Based on Forum discussion on June 18th, as well as the input provided by Village leadership, the Forum will focus on creating avenues for dialogue between the community and the Village. Possible venues include private homes, public meeting spaces, private organizations, and local businesses. Forum members will moderate the meetings, allowing all stakeholders to share their opinions and concerns. A more detailed discussion with Forum membership will commence at the next Forum meeting in October to clarify the public outreach elements of the new mission.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

6. ADJOURN

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Meeting Minutes October 15, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Glencoe Human Relations Forum, held in the Village Hall Conference Room, was called to order at 6:32 p.m. on the 15th day of October, 2014 by Chairperson Wood.

The following members were present:

Reverend David Wood, Chairperson
Paula Alexander
Steven Arenson
Margot Flanagan
Reverend Norris Jackson
Cary Lewandowski, Ex-officio Member

The following members were absent:

John O'Dwyer
Rabbi Steven Stark Lowenstein
Sasha Von Varga

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 18, 2014 MEETING/REVIEW NOTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2014 MEETING

The minutes of the June 18, 2014 meeting were approved - Motion by Member Flanagan, Second by Member Arenson, all in favor. The notes of the September 17, 2014 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

None - There were no members from the public in attendance.

4. CONTINUE TO DEVELOP NEXT STEPS FOR THE FORUM

The Forum discussed and agreed upon the new mission of the group. They plan to assist the Village to engage the community regarding major public initiatives, starting with the Water Plant project. The goal is to provide public forums for open dialogue between the Village Staff and Board, residents, and other interested parties. Based on discussions with the Village, these forums will be initiated in the spring of 2015 as the Water Plant project nears preliminary planning. The early plan is to advertise the events in March and hold the forums in late March and April.

The members discussed possible venues for hosting the events, focusing on public settings rather than private homes in order to ensure

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neutrality and to accommodate potentially large groups of people. Members will develop plans for moderating the forums, as well as promoting the meetings via the Village website, the Glencoe Quarterly, post cards, and postings in the downtown.

Chairman Wood will coordinate with the Village Manager's office moving forward; he will gather possible dates for Village Board availability in April. Member Arenson will coordinate with possible venue locations – Takiff Center, Glencoe Public Library, and Watts Center. Publicity information must be submitted by mid-February for inclusion in the March edition of the Glencoe Quarterly.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Forum members discussed a name change for the group, to become more aligned with the Forum's mission. The proposed name would be "The Glencoe Community Relations Forum". On a motion by Member Jackson, and seconded by Member Arenson, the motion passed. All were in favor. Chairperson Wood will request the required ordinance modification be presented to the Village Board in November for approval.

Chairperson Wood asked the members to be aware of other potential issues that should be addressed by the Forum in the meantime, such as the Writers Theater project or the Village Comprehensive Plan.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. - Motion by Member Flanagin, Second by Member Jackson, all in favor.

Next Meeting: TBA