



AGENDA
VILLAGE OF GLENCOE
GLENCOE COMMUNITY RELATIONS FORUM
MEETING

Glencoe Village Hall
675 Village Court
Wednesday, July 25, 2018 - 6:30 p.m.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
- 2. APPROVAL OF JUNE 27, 2018 MEETING MINUTES**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 4. DISCUSSION REGARDING COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION MEETINGS**
- 5. DISCUSSION REGARDING FUTURE PROGRAMMING TOPICS**
- 6. OTHER BUSINESS**
- 7. ADJOURN**

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MEETING MINUTES
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Village Hall Conference Room
675 Village Court
June 27, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting began at 6:31 p.m.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Community Relations Forum		
David Wood	Chair	Present
Steven Arenson	Member	Absent
Julia Eidelman	Member	Present
Martin Elisco	Member	Present
Margot Flanagan	Member	Present
Dwayne Gary	Member	Present
Georgia Mihalopoulos	Member	Present
Maureen Valvassori	Member	Present
Robert Young	Member	Present
Village Staff		
Sharon Tanner	Assistant Village Manager	Present

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- a. **February 28, 2018**
- b. **April 18, 2018**

Member Mihalopoulos made a motion, seconded by Member Elisco, to approve the meeting minutes of February 28, 2018 and April 18, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

IV. DISCUSSION REGARDING APRIL LIBRARY GRAFFITI INCIDENT

Member Young summarized the graffiti incident that occurred at the Library in April 2018. Member Young said that he felt that the Library's decision to cover the graffiti was the wrong thing to do, that he felt the Library should have called a meeting with community members and clergy to discuss the incident, and that the graffiti was an act of violence. Member Young said that several community members he spoke with were unaware of the incident. Member Young said he believes the Village needs to consider how to disseminate information more effectively, such as *Inside Glencoe*. Member Young said that he appeared

before the District 35 School Board and Library Board to share his concerns, and did not identify himself as a member of the Community Relations Forum. Member Young said he believes there needs to be a community response. Member Elisco said he believes that there should have been more discussion around the graffiti to make people aware and there should be more discussion within the community about difficult social issues. Chair Wood said that in addition to the perspective shared by Member Young and Member Elisco, he recognized that another perspective may be that there may have been an attempt not to over publicize the incident and give rise to copy-cat incidents. Member Valvassori said she believes there may have been a teachable moment that was missed and a discussion about racism could be beneficial. Member Flanagin said that there may be an opportunity to raise awareness about the issue and the Welcoming and Inclusive Community Pledge. Member Elisco suggested sending a memo to the community organizations to make them aware that the Community Relations Forum is available as a resource. Member Eidelman suggested placing an article in *Inside Glencoe* to share that the Forum is available as a community resource.

The Forum agreed that it would like to draft an article for *Inside Glencoe*, reach out to community organizations to raise awareness about the Forum and to create a Forum e-mail address.

V. DISCUSSION REGARDING MAY FAMILY ACTION NETWORK PRESENTATION

Member Valvassori shared information about the Family Action Network presentation on gun violence and building peaceful communities.

Chair Wood shared the idea to present a series of forums to discuss community issues and bring in speakers as a means to bring members of the community together on topics related to civility. Member Flanagin said that she supported the idea and Member Elisco suggested debriefing on the Forum's community meetings to guide development of topics.

VI. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE VILLAGE'S STRATEGIC PLAN

Assistant Village Manager Tanner shared information about development of the Village's strategic plan. Chair Wood said that the Forum may be able to support the strategic plan by hosting community discussions about projects and initiatives in the strategic plan.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Wood shared that the Village was contacted by a resident suggesting that the Village promote Pride month. The Forum discussed planning initiatives to support Pride month in 2019.

Chair Wood shared that he is attending an upcoming Sesquicentennial planning meeting and will share information from the meeting with the group in July.

VIII. ADJOURN

Member Eidelman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Valvassori. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.