



MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF GLENCOE
GLENCOE COMMUNITY RELATIONS FORUM

Virtual Meeting
October 7, 2020 – 5 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Chair Clark explained the basis for conducting a virtual public meeting in compliance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Assistant Village Manager Sharon Tanner was physically present at the Village Hall.

The meeting began at 5:05 p.m.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Community Relations Forum		
Dipti Clark	Chair	Present
Martin Elisco	Member	Absent
Margot Flanagan	Member	Present
Rev. Dwayne Gary	Member	Present
Annice Moses	Member	Present
Amy Mysel	Member	Present
Gary Ruben	Member	Present
Hilary Scott	Member	Present
Maureen Valvassori	Member	Present
Robert Young	Member	Present
Village Staff		
Cary Lewandowski	Public Safety Director	Present
Sharon Tanner	Assistant Village Manager	Present

II. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

Member Ruben made a motion, seconded by Member Scott to approve the meeting minutes of September, 2020. The motion was approved with the following vote:

- Aye – Clark, Flanagan, Gary, Moses, Mysel, Ruben, Scott, Valvassori, Young (9)
- Nay – None (0)
- Absent – Elisco (1)

III. PUBLIC COMMENT (ON TOPICS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA)

Chair Clark invited members of the public to comment on matters not on the agenda and asked Assistant Village Manager Tanner to read any comments that were submitted by e-mail in advance of the meeting.

Assistant Manager Tanner read a comment submitted by Family Service of Glencoe Executive Director Bill Hansen, encouraging the Forum to consider initiatives that address inclusion of all marginalized groups in the community and reiterating FSG's interest in partnering with the Forum. Chair Clark thanked Mr. Hansen for his comment and noted that Member Hilary Scott will contact him to discuss potential engagement with FSG.

IV. DISCUSSION REGARDING FORUM GOALS, MISSION AND INITIATIVES

Chair Clark shared that she and Member Gary Ruben recently met with Village President Levin and Village Manager Phil Kiraly to discuss potential goals for the Forum. Chair Clark asked the Forum to discuss a draft mission statement. Members of the Forum shared input on a draft mission statement and Member Ruben clarified that the intent of creating a mission statement is to create a short statement that articulates the Forum's purpose, taking into consideration the Forum's establishment in the Village Code. Member Flanagan shared the past development of the Forum's mission statement and commented that the draft mission statement articulates the current work of the Forum and suggested that the mission statement remain broad to reflect all aspects of the Forum's mission. Member Scott commented that she believes it is important to have a mission statement and it can be helpful to articulate the Forum's purpose to the community. Rev. Gary agreed that a mission statement that reflects the Forum's current purpose is important and made a motion to adopt the draft mission statement.

Member Young suggested that the Forum should move with more urgency toward programming that reflects its mission.

The Forum discussed reviewing an updated draft mission statement at the next meeting and considering formal adoption of it at that time. Rev. Gary withdrew his earlier motion.

Moving to a discussion of draft goals, Chair Clark asked the Forum for feedback regarding draft goals. Member Scott suggested adding language to the draft goals to address inclusion more broadly. In order to understand Public Safety practices, Chair Clark shared that Public Safety Director Cary Lewandowski has been invited to provide a presentation on the Public Safety Department's policies, practices and training at the October 21 Forum meeting.

Chair Clark discussed potential outreach to the business community and Assistant Village Manager Tanner suggested that the Forum could present at an upcoming Business Before Hours event. Rev. Gary shared that the Glencoe Clergy Association is meeting in December and will discuss goals for the new year, and asked for a member of the Forum to present to the Clergy Association.

Chair Clark suggested that the Forum members begin contacting community organizations and shared that after speaking with individual Forum members, she suggests that the Forum begin conversations with more broad questions. Members of the Forum discussed potential modifications to the questions. Member Valvassori shared that she had a conversation with Glencoe Public Library Executive Director Andy Kim, who is excited to partner with the Forum.

Rev. Gary asked how the Forum will connect with residents. Member Moses commented on the importance of getting to know people and their stories, and suggested a "Getting to Know the Heart of Glencoe" initiative to invite people in the community to share their stories in response to a set of questions. Member Moses said that by getting to know people,

it is easier to build bridges and connections. Member Mysel, Member Valvassori and Rev. Gary expressed support for this concept. Chair Clark suggested adding a goal related to resident outreach and developing action items to support the goal.

VI. DISCUSSION REGARDING PROMOTION OF THE WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY PLEDGE

Member Flanagan suggested including an inclusivity statement in the next water bill or in the next *Inside Glencoe* newsletter. Assistant Village Manager Tanner suggested that a future issue of the newsletter could include content about the pledge and common messaging from all organizations represented in *Inside Glencoe*.

VII. DISCUSSION REGARDING FUTURE MEETINGS WITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Discussion regarding future meetings with community organizations took place during the discussion regarding Forum goals and mission.

Member Ruben encouraged members of the Forum to begin contacting community organizations to begin conversations and bring back experiences and ideas to future Forum meetings.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

IX. ADJOURN

Member Young made a motion to adjourn at 6:54 p.m., seconded by Member Mysel. Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Clark, Flanagan, Gary, Moses, Mysel, Ruben, Scott, Valvassori, Young (9)

Nay - None

Absent - Elisco (1)