



MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF GLENCOE
GLENCOE COMMUNITY RELATIONS FORUM

Virtual Meeting
December 9, 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, left at 7 p.m.
Rev. Dwayne Gary	Member	Present, left at 7 p.m.
Annice Moses	Member	Present, left at 7 p.m.
Amy Mysel	Member	Present, arrived at 5:24 p.m.
Gary Ruben	Member	Present
Hilary Scott	Member	Present, left at 6:15 p.m.
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 NOVEMBER 11, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

Member Scott made a motion, seconded by Member Valvassori to approve the meeting minutes of November 11, 2020 with correction of a scrivener's error. The motion was approved with the following vote:

- Aye - Clark, Flanagan, Gary, Moses, Ruben, Scott, Valvassori, Young (8)
- Nay - None (0)
- Absent - Elisco, Mysel (2)

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. There were no public comments.

IV. DISCUSSION REGARDING COMMUNITY RELATIONS FORUM INITIATIVES

- a. Conversations with Community Organizations
- b. Future Programs and Initiatives

Chair Clark asked each of the subcommittees to share an update on their work. Member Scott shared that she, Member Mysel and Member Flanagin are working on development of a survey. The subcommittee is working to frame the issue of improving diversity inclusion for all under-represented groups in Glencoe, particularly people of color, and outlined the subcommittee's approach, including articulating and identifying the issue; collecting data on local and national trends; aligning support by affirming commitments and utilizing community group to education, inform and build support; and align with other area communities and work that has been effective to sustain support for this issue.

Chair Clark shared that members of the Forum met with the Glencoe Clergy Association and that Rev. Gary, Member Valvassori and Public Safety Director Cary Lewandowski were recently interviewed in a NPR story. Chair Clark asked Director Lewandowski to share information regarding Public Safety Department traffic stop statistics that were referenced in the story. Director Lewandowski shared that the traffic stop statistical data referenced is data that has been collected for approximately 15 years by the Illinois Department of Transportation. He shared that for 2019, IDOT's vendor that compiles and reports the data changed and the new vendor utilizes a different methodology than the prior vendor, and many municipalities in Illinois observed that the 2019 data showed a large increase in the number of minority drivers who were subject to traffic stops. He noted that the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP) has requested clarification of the change in methodology, as many Illinois communities noticed significant differences compared to prior years. The ILACP has not yet received clarification. Chair Clark asked Director Lewandowski if he would meet with members of the Forum to review the data in more detail, and he responded that he would.

Member Moses shared that she, Member Ruben and Member Valvassori are working on a project aimed at getting to know neighbors. The subcommittee hopes to monthly highlight a person who lives in Glencoe, a person who works in Glencoe and a Glencoe business owner. The concept includes sending questions to each individual and sharing their responses in a monthly electronic distribution and a short feature in the *Inside Glencoe* newsletter.

Chair Clark reported that she, Member Young and Rev. Gary are working on Coffee with the Forum concepts. The subcommittee feels that Coffee with the Forum could be a small group format for members of the Forum to connect with community organizations.

Next, Chair Clark asked Forum members to provide an update on their contacts with community organizations. Member Ruben shared that he has a meeting scheduled with District 35 Superintendent Dr. Catherine Wang to discuss initiatives within the schools and

Board of Education, and later presenting to the Board of Education. Member Flanagin said that she will contact Northfield Township.

Member Mysel shared that she spoke with the President of the Chicago Botanic Garden and had a follow-up conversation with Garden representatives regarding the Garden's initiatives. She and Chair Clark are planning to speak with Garden representatives again.

Rev. Gary has been in contact with the Glencoe Rotary Club. Rotary is in the process of planning a panel discussion.

Member Young said that the Forum was invited to make a presentation to the Glencoe Historical Society next week.

Chair Clark said that she will contact the Glencoe Chamber of Commerce.

Rev. Gary shared that the Forum met with the Glencoe Clergy Association, which will connect the forum with individuals from each house of worship that work on social action initiatives.

Chair Clark shared that she has been in contact with Writers Theatre. Writers Theatre is working to gather feedback from its employees regarding their experiences in the community.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Clark asked the Forum members to share feedback about the Forum's work in 2020. Generally, Forum members shared that they are energized with the Forum's work and the subcommittees' work to plan future programs and initiatives.

VII. ADJOURN

Member Young made a motion to adjourn at 7:13 p.m., seconded by Member Ruben. Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Clark, Mysel, Ruben, Valvassori, Young (5)

Nay - None

Absent - Elisco, Flanagin, Gary, Moses, Scott (5)