



MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF GLENCOE
GLENCOE COMMUNITY RELATIONS FORUM

Virtual Meeting
March 17, 2021 - 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 5:03 p.m.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Community Relations Forum		
Dipti Clark	Chair	Present
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	Absent
Robert Young	Member	Present
Village Staff		
Sharon Tanner	Assistant Village Manager	Present
Others Present		
Celia Buckman	Guest Presenter	Present

II. APPROVAL OF MARCH 3, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Member Young made a motion, seconded by Member Scott to approve the meeting minutes of March 3, 2021. The motion was approved with the following vote:

Aye - Clark, Flanagan, Gary, Moses, Mysel, Ruben, Scott, Young (8)
Nay - None (0)
Absent - Valvassori (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. Kalpana Reiter submitted a comment in advance of the

meeting asking about topics that are typically covered at Forum meetings; Assistant Manager Tanner stated that staff responded by email with links to the Forum's web page and February 18 Committee of the Whole.

IV. PRESENTATION BY CELIA BUCKMAN ON RESEARCHING GLENCOE'S RACIAL PAST

Member Scott introduced resident Celia Buckman to provide a presentation on *Researching Glencoe's Racial Past*. Ms. Buckman is a Glencoe resident and student at Georgetown University who has researched Glencoe's racial past. Ms. Buckman shared a presentation of her research, including historical Census data and news articles related to demographic changes in the early 1900s in Glencoe and efforts of homeowners in that time period to buy property owned by Black residents.

Member Young asked Ms. Buckman about any topics related to the history of civil rights in Glencoe and the North Shore that was taught in her high school history classes; she responded that there was little curriculum on it. Rev. Gary asked whether Ms. Buckman learned of redlining in Glencoe; Ms. Buckman said that she heard of other groups finding evidence of redlining but she did not.

Chair Clark asked Ms. Buckman about what she sees in Glencoe today related to a statement in her article that nearly all-white suburbs do not happen accidentally. Ms. Buckman responded that there is a rich history of Black residents in Glencoe and commented about the need to reflect on how a community's demographics came to be.

Member Mysel asked Ms. Buckman if she is aware of families in Glencoe who have family history that dates back to the time of the syndicates in the 1920s, and asked Member Ruben about the Village Board's awareness of this history. Ms. Buckman shared that she is aware of a family that was displaced by syndicates. Member Ruben said that he is not familiar with the Board's knowledge of this history. He thanked Ms. Buckman for her presentation, research and article.

In response to Member Mysel's question regarding families in Glencoe, Rev. Gary commented that there are fifth and sixth generations of members of the Wilson family that worship at St. Paul AME and still reside in the Glencoe area.

Chair Clark asked if there are any public comments on Ms. Buckman's presentation. K. Reiter thanked Ms. Buckman for mentioning *The Color of Law* book in her presentation. Rafael Guzman shared that he moved to Glencoe approximately five years ago and when researching Glencoe, he learned of St. Paul AME Church. He commented that it is important to understand the community's history, to better enable it to move forward. He hopes that when we review the history, that we do so to have a better understanding of what could possibly be done moving forward.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

VI. ADJOURN

Member Young made a motion to adjourn at 6:14 p.m., seconded by Member Scott. Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Clark, Flanagan, Gary, Moses, Mysel, Ruben, Scott, Young (8)

Nay - None (0)

Absent - Valvassori (1)