



MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF GLENCOE
GLENCOE COUNCIL FOR INCLUSION AND COMMUNITY

Virtual Meeting
March 2, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Glencoe Council for Inclusion and Community of the Village of Glencoe conducted virtually in accordance with Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2022-01 was called to order by Co-Chair Rafael Guzman at 5:30 p.m. on the 2nd day of March 2022.

Prior to roll call, Co-Chair Scott stated that pursuant to recently adopted amendments to the Illinois Open Meetings Act (OMA) included in Public Act 101-0640, the Council for Inclusion and Community was being conducted as a virtual meeting via Zoom video conferencing software. She also stated that a quorum of members of the Council were present via remote access and that Assistant Village Manager Sharon Tanner was physically present at Village Hall as required by the OMA.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Community Relations Forum		
Hilary Scott	Co-Chair	Present
Rafael Guzman	Co-Chair	Present
John Bjork	Member	Present
Sakura Evans	Member	Absent
Margot Flanagan	Member	Absent
Rev. Katrese Kirk McKenzie	Member	Present, left at 5:50 p.m.
Vivek Mali	Member	Present
Annice Moses	Member	Present, arrived at 5:56 p.m.
Amy Mysel	Member	Present
Emily Robins	Member	Present
Gary Ruben	Member	Absent
Robert Young	Member	Absent
Village Staff		
Sharon Tanner	Assistant Village Manager	Present
Cary Lewandowski	Public Safety Director	Present

II. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 8, 2021 AND FEBRUARY 2, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

Co-Chair Scott made a motion to approve the December 8, 2021 and February 2, 2022 meeting minutes, with correction of a scrivener's error in the list of members. Co-Chair Guzman seconded the motion. Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Bjork, Guzman, Kirk McKenzie, Mali, Mysel, Robins, Scott (7)

Nay - None (0)

Absent - Evans, Flanagan, Moses, Ruben, Young (5)

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

IV. FEBRUARY 8, 2022 TOWN HALL FEEDBACK

Before discussing feedback regarding the February 8 Town Hall discussion, Co-Chair Scott asked Rev. Kirk McKenzie to introduce herself and share her thoughts on the Council's work.

Rev. Kirk McKenzie was recently appointed pastor of St. Paul AME Church. She feels called to create space for people to live out their hopes, dreams and desires of what they hope to be. She believes mission-minded work involves communities and individuals and leads communities collectively into purpose. She shared her thoughts on goals for the Council, including platforms for creating awareness and exposure, safe places and spaces where people can speak and be heard and communication of goals. She feels that communicating a shared vision is essential.

Moving to the Town Hall discussion, Co-Chair Scott asked for feedback and noted that the survey results were distributed. Co-Chair Guzman said he enjoyed the personal perspectives and stories that were shared. An attendee shared with Co-Chair Guzman that she enjoyed the presentation and that District 35 Superintendent Catherine Wang shared positive feedback about the session. Co-Chair Guzman recommended that for future events, the Council try to have representatives from Glencoe organizations and units of government that can speak to implementation of concepts in Glencoe. Co-Chair Scott shared that it would be helpful to get outlines and presentation drafts from panelists in advance to help with coordination. Member Mali and Member Bjork commented that the program and the speakers were excellent.

V. DISCUSSION REGARDING FUTURE PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

Co-Chair Guzman asked Council members to share feedback regarding future Council projects and initiatives, particularly as new members have joined the Council. He read feedback shared by Member Young, highlighting a suggestion to contact houses of worship, schools and local organizations to help raise awareness of the Council, explain the Council's mission, listen and get feedback. Co-Chair Guzman shared that he hopes to set attainable goals and focus on topics that will introduce different perspectives from people. He also shared a hope to have topics of discussion that may draw differing viewpoints in a safe space.

Member Mali commented that interest is important to engagement and that presentations should be in a way that draws interest and engagement. Member Bjork added that he is interested in having speakers who can bring a unique perspective or story and use that as an opportunity to inform about the Council. Member Robins expressed that she feels the Town Hall should be the jumping off point to actionable steps to identify areas for improvement. She

suggested partnering with other organizations in the community, recognizing monthly observations and developing opportunities for people to come together in the community. Co-Chair Scott suggested that the group also share any ideas regarding new initiatives that they would like the Council to consider. Member Bjork suggested that to avoid spreading the Council too thin, that there could be fewer of some events as different events are added. Co-Chair Guzman reminded the group that the Council is an advisory committee to the Village Board and that there can be opportunities to provide additional feedback to the Village Board or staff as issues are raised. Member Mysel said that she agrees with the feedback that has been shared, and added support for identifying actionable steps between Town Hall and speaker events. Member Mysel added that she would like the Council to set goals for a year's work. Member Moses said that she would like for there to be tangible change and the Council to do things that Glencoe more accessible for everyone in more tangible ways. She wants Glencoe to be a community where all people feel welcome.

Co-Chair Guzman summarized the feedback that was shared. Member Mali added that the Council's work does not have to be academic in nature and suggested that the Council participate in other Village events. Member Moses added that she would like the Council members to know each other.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Assistant Village Manager Tanner shared that it is possible that the next meeting might be held in person, depending on continued or ending authority from the State to conduct virtual meetings.

Co-Chair Guzman shared that the Glencoe Junior High Project is holding a Pie Day fundraiser.

VI. ADJOURN

Member Mali made a motion to adjourn at 6:33 p.m., seconded by Member Bjork. Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

Aye - Bjork, Guzman, Mali, Moses, Mysel, Robins, Scott (7)

Nay - None (0)

Absent - Evans, Flanagan, Kirk McKenzie, Ruben, Young (5)