

Community Relations Commission (CRC)

Meeting Minutes for Monday April 12, 2021

Forum(s): Conference Call

Present:

Carl Hill (Chairman)
Rhonda McNeal (Member)
Andrea Townson (Secretary)
Sandra Finley (Village Board Trustee)

Absent:

Julius Smith (Member)

Call to Order: 7:00 pm by Chairman

- (a) Roll Call completed
- (b) Confirmation of 2/1/21 minutes, subject to correction of **SWEET** Home Mortgage to **SMART** Home Mortgage. Motion approved and seconded. All in favor, motion approved and carried by board.
- (c) Chairman re-iterated the need to consider options for appropriate public events, with a goal to provide opportunities for residents to safely meet and interact. Options discussed included movie night, outdoor concert and/or picnic.

Public Comments:

Rafiah Maxie (Hawthorne Hills- 1987) introduced herself, and provided her background summary. She stated that she had never previously participated in village governance. In response to a discussion about public event options, she concurred with a movie night.

Robert McCullough (Arcadia) introduced himself. He stated he had been a long- term active participant in village governance and was a former HOA president. He offered to be a general volunteer.

Trustee Desiree Watkins: Village board member introduced herself, and furtherance of the public event discussion, she suggested use of the (under-utilized) Park District, and Tolentine, as another possible venue.

Old Business:

1. Correction of **Sweet** Home Mortgage to **SMART** Home Mortgage in the February minutes.

Old Business:-Cont.

2. Discussed working with marketing firm A Five Marketing for development of a flyer to further highlight village partnership with the South Suburban Housing Center (“SSHC”). As completed, the flyer must meet flyer approval by SSHC, and be in compliance with village branding.
3. Discussed the need for enhanced Covid-19 vaccine awareness options. The problem is inaccurate, missing and/or difficult to find information. A general discussion ensued, with suggestions made to reach out to local pharmacies (i.e. Walgreen, CVS), and use of a mobile vaccine unit in the village. The goal is to increase the number of residents being vaccinated.

New Business

None

Open Comments

The board discussed:

1. suggestion to allocate village funds for general outreach projects, A Five signage, new resident outreach and SSHC sponsorship;
2. suggestion for a group meeting with HOA presidents to improve and enhance outreach and information efforts to residents on current issues.

Adjournment:

7:53 pm moved and seconded. Motion approved and carried by board.