

VILLAGE OF NILES
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the Community Relations Commission meeting held on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at Village Hall, 1000 Civic Center Drive in the 2nd Floor Conference room/EOC.

I. Call to Order:

Chair Jovan Marinac called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3, 2023. Jovan called the roll for attendance.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Jovan Marinac (Chair), Larry Mayer, Kathy Toy, Joe Kuffel, Jeffrey Kash, Tony Dati, Anela Hrnica, Megan Roberts Esterling, Vicky Duka

Village Representatives Present: Trustee John Jekot

III. Approval of Meeting Summary

Tony Dati made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 1, 2023 meeting as presented. Kathy Toy second the motion. All were in favor, 0 abstained, 0 opposed. Minutes approved.

IV. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

V. Community Complaints:

There were no complaints submitted to the online form since the last meeting.

V. Old Business:

- A. **Complaint Procedure/Online Form – Police Report Question:** Jovan Marinac gave a follow up on filing a Police Report as part of the complaint process. Based on feedback from the Niles Police Department, anyone can file a police report if they feel they have been discriminated against. Police would handle as they would any police report process. If an individual wants to submit a Citizen Complaint as well, one has nothing to do with the other. So, there is no legal reason that a police report would need to be submitted in order to submit a CRC complaint. After discussion, Larry Mayer made a motion to add a question “Is there a police report filed, yes or no?, If yes what is the Police Report number?” Tony Dati second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed, none abstained. Motion passes.

- B. **Post Draft Minutes** - As requested in the public comment portion at the last meeting, the CRC can have a draft of the minutes posted at the same time the agenda is posted. Kathy Toy made a motion to post a draft of the minutes when the agenda is posted prior to the meeting, Tony Dati seconded the motion, all in favor, none opposed, none abstained. Motion passes.

V. New Business:

- A. **Village Events:** Jovan Marinac noted to the committee what events are coming up this summer that the Community Relations Commission may want to have representation at including Family Services Summer Bash, Walk and Roll, Public Works Open House, Fire Department Open House. Jovan also commented that Block Parties would be a good way for members to meet residents. Jovan asked for volunteers for the first event Summer Bash in June. Ideas to have at the event include a pop-up canopy, brochures and banners. Jovan asked for a volunteer to put a brochure together, no one volunteered. Megan suggested that one of the goals should be to increase the number of block parties. The committee asked for stats on block parties at the next meeting. Tony Dati and Megan Roberts Esterling volunteered to be at Summer Bash in June.
- B. **Marketing Materials** – The committee agreed to have a functional, eco-friendly promotional item with a QR code available. Yard signs were also being considered but had mixed responses from members.

VI. Set Next Meeting

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, August 2, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

VII. Adjournment

Tony Dati motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Larry Mayer second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned.