



Public Information Committee
April 27, 2022, 10:00 AM
Village Hall - 31 W. Quincy Street, Westmont, IL

MINUTES

1. **Call To Order** - Public Information Committee Chair Jinny Szymiski called the meeting to order at 10:00am
2. **Roll Call** - Jinny Szymiski, Larry McIntyre, Ron Gunter, Steve May, Larry Forssberg, Alison Clemens, Michelle Clegg, Elaine Carmichael, Glen Liljeberg, Dan Buczkowski, Steve Riley, Greg Pantke, Melissa Brendle, Josh Krogull, Zach Chorney, Dustin Kleefisch, and Kristina Kaniauskaite
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Szymiski led the group in the pledge of allegiance and then turned the meeting over to staff liaison Larry McIntyre
4. **Open Forum** - None
5. **Minutes**
 - a. McIntyre stated that the previous meeting minutes were resent to the group last week for review
 - b. Motion to approve minutes by Carmichael, second by Forssberg, approved by voice vote
6. **Community Events Permit Request Forms** - McIntyre referenced the process for making official requests to the Village of Westmont for use of public right of way and/or village resources. For more information, please contact Deputy Village Clerk Alicja Richards
7. **2022 Events & Calendar**
 - a. **Village Departments, Divisions, Committees**
 - i. **Communications** - McIntyre reviewed several items
 1. The new Westmont Community News Magazine will have its second issue come out next week.
 2. The US Luge Tryouts event will be in Westmont from June 10-12
 3. The Sister City Program is beginning to discuss projects including a 2022 Student Exchange with CUSD201. The proposal includes a single student who would be in Westmont for an entire school year.
 4. McIntyre stated that the Westmont First Committee is reviewing the Community Mural and Arts Initiative and there will be a presentation at the next Admin-Finance Committee meeting
 5. EIC Update
 - a. Special Recycling Event Recap
 - b. No Mow Program
 - c. Adopt-A-Planter
 - d. Richmond Gardens - Stakeholders tour-training for program partners, website update
 - e. Tree Seedling Giveaway - On Arbor Day 1-5pm at Library
 - f. Storm Drain Stenciling & River Sweep - Public Works Report
 - ii. **Police** - McIntyre shared info on several items.



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1. DRUG TAKE BACK EVENT - April 30, 2022 – 10AM to 2PM
 2. PAPER SHRED EVENT - May 14
 3. CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY & JR. POLICE ACADEMY - McIntyre stated that program details will be announced soon.
- iii. **Fire** - Fire Chief Steve Riley shared info on several upcoming events.
1. CITIZENS FIRE ACADEMY - In the process of wrapping up
 2. KIDS CAMP - scheduled for June, up to 30 students can participate
 3. FIRE TRUCK NIGHT - August - Part of Cruisin' Nights
 4. FIRE OPEN HOUSE - Scheduled for Sept 24
 5. FD will have Bike Medics at various Community Events
 6. FD will be participating in the Memorial Day Parade
 7. EMA - Pantke reported on all of the events in which EMA will be participating
- iv. **Public Works** - Melissa Brendle reported on several items
1. Public Works Open House will be May 21, 10a-1p
 2. Chorney stated that the No Mow program is going well with over 200 sign-ups
 3. McIntyre reported the PW is involved with the DuPage River Sweep on May 21, 9a-Noon; and the Storm Drain Stenciling Program, first Saturday in June
- b. **Public Agencies**
- i. **Maercker School District** - No Report
 - ii. **CUSD201** - No Report
 - iii. **Library** - No Report
- c. **Community Organizations**
- i. **Westmont Chamber** - Forssberg provided several updates
 1. Economic outlook luncheon was held last week - 24 participating Chambers, a powerpoint copy of presentation available through the Westmont Chamber - optimistic outlook in spite of inflation
 2. Community Awards Dinner will be tomorrow at the Hilton
 3. Senior Spring Fling at the Park District Community Center - various exhibits including the Secretary of State, May 6, 2022
 4. Golf Classic June 10 - Twin Lakes, 1pm start, social event
 5. Pet Promenade will be Sept 18 at Ty Warner Park
 6. FMC Swim Event in early March was very successful and we look forward to more events such as this coming to Westmont
 - ii. **Lions Club** - Buczkowski provided several updates
 1. Race To The Flag Event will be determined soon (NOTE - After this meeting, it was announced that the RTTF 5K will move forward.)
 2. Spring Fling BBQ - Buczkowski provided a thorough report regarding the Lion's Club Spring Fling Backyard BBQ event - there will be an amateur BBQ comp, carnival, fireworks, and more, Memorial Day Weekend
 3. McIntyre thanked Buczkowski for his work on community events and said that an event press release would be published soon.
 - iii. **Rotary Club** - Carmichael provided updates



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1. Rotary will run the carnival at the Spring Fling event
 2. 5 scholarships will be presented to area students
 3. The Rotary Paul Harris Award is being presented at the Awards Dinner
 4. DJs and Rotary are hosting a fundraiser for the Ukraine - May 27
- iv. **PRC**
1. Clegg thanked everyone for the invitation to the meeting.
- v. **Westmont Special Events** - Kaniauskaite reported on several items:
1. **Cinco de Mayo Pub Crawl** - This Saturday, 2 to 6pm, 5 locations
 2. **Cruisin' Nights** - Thursdays in June, July and August, and Sept. 1 is the last night - 14 events ; June 9 - Squad Car Night; July 21 - Public Works Truck Night; Aug. 4 - Fire Truck Night; Sept 1 - Village Vehicles Nights
 3. **Taste of Westmont** - Taste of Westmont will be held July 7-10
 4. **Creative Arts Network Art Classes** - Continuing art projects and monthly art classes. Kaniauskaite thanked Jenny Babyar and Larry McIntyre for coordinating these projects. There has been very positive feedback from students and artists. There will be 5 art shows and 2 art classes during Cruisin' Nights.
 5. **Business Windows Mural** - The next mural program will be announced soon
- d. **Public Agencies**
- i. **Park District** - Kleefisch provided several updates regarding various events including Concerts in the Park and Movies in the Park; Kleefisch announced that he will be leaving his post in Westmont to take on a new job in Willowbrook; McIntyre thanked Kleefisch for his service and events collaboration over the last several years
8. **Misc. / Next Meeting**
- a. Mayor Gunter thanked everyone regarding community events.
9. **Adjourn** - Motion to adjourn by Elaine Carmichael, second by Larry Forssberg, approved by voice vote, meeting adjourned at 10:32am.

NOTE: Approved at the June 22, 2022 PIC meeting.