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## **CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Meeting Date:** September 13, 2023

**Present:** Mayor Nunzio Pulice, Alderman Art Woods, Edna Manganello, Anna Szostek, John Abbate, Isaac Capistran, Maria Masura DeMaio, Rebecca Wiggins, Janelle Silva- Staff Liaison

**Absent:** Pattie Scott, Pam Wawczak

**Meeting Commenced at:** 6:31 p.m.

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Roll call taken.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> motion – Edna Manganello
- 2<sup>nd</sup> motion – Rebecca Wiggins

### **DISCUSSIONS:**

- Introduction of new Executive Director of the Wood Dale Public Library, Chris Renkosiak. He provided information on new services that the Library is providing. Like a trip to Chicago through the Chicago Architect Foundation (combined with the Bensenville Library). They are actively promoting programs on Facebook and paying attention to what has worked well and what needs improvement. The Library is offering more in person events and streaming meetings.
- The Library is offering a THINGS TO BORROW program. Like wifi hot spots, crockpots, cotton candy machines, etc.
- More one on one classes, story times are popular from babies to preschoolers. They are offering story times in English, Spanish and Polish.
- The Library received a grant and completed the installation of a Story Walk behind the library which is semipermanent. They are also installing play equipment and patio picnic tables. Chris also expressed the importance of the newsletter and building more readership. They have provided fun giveaways that have purpose, like flashlights and umbrellas.
- Committee members, asked if guitar lessons are offered at the Library. It was noted that was offered at the Park District.
- Chris also explained the Electronic Library card that's available. Residents can also download books.

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- Committee members requested not to have various closures at the Park District such as Salt Creek did on Labor Day. It caused a family a lot of disappointment.
  - There was a dance class at the Park District that was canceled which was also disappointing.
  - Committee members also noticed that the donation bins located at Jewel have been removed.
  - Committee members also discussed the new electronic billboard and wanted to know if it was Wood Dale specific.
  - Committee members discussed a concern about Flood Brothers refuse overfilling containers. The overflow becomes a concern when the arms of the of the truck lift the container to dump in the truck and the overflow falls onto the street. We understand that this could be an issue throughout the City. Janelle to request that Flood Brothers be more mindful about this action.
  - CIC members reported bushes overhanging the sidewalk as a concern. This is at Edgewood north of Itasca Street. Janelle to follow up with Property Maintenance.

Motion to adjourn Mayor 1/ Maria /2 and all said yes.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2023

**ADJOURNMENT:**

7:38 p.m.