

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS**  
**ARLINGTON HEIGHTS VILLAGE HALL**  
**33 S. ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ROAD**  
**COMMUNITY ROOM**  
**October 2, 2017 – 7:30 PM**

Mayor Tom Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Thomas Hayes; Trustees Blackwood, Glasgow, LaBedz, Rosenberg, Scaletta, Sidor, Tinaglia

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Baldino

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Village Manager Randy Recklaus; Assistant Village Manager Diana Mikula

OTHERS PRESENT: Andrew Tripp, Parth Shaha, Charlie Goldberg, Ryan Danzinger

**A. INTERVIEW OF ANDREW TRIPP FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE HOUSING COMMISSION – TERM ENDING: 4/30/20**

Mayor Hayes introduced Andrew Tripp and said his background was well-suited for the Housing Commission.

Trustee Glasgow said Mr. Tripp’s background was extensive and would benefit the Village.

Mayor Hayes asked Mr. Tripp to explain why he was interested in serving the Village.

Mr. Tripp said he feels housing is a critical community asset that we all should have a responsibility to steward for both current and future Village residents. Mr. Tripp said it is a great place to raise a family and housing plays a critical part in providing a stable foundation for people to grow and thrive.

**TRUSTEE GLASGOW MOVED TO CONCUR IN THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF ANDREW TRIPP TO THE HOUSING COMMISSION WITH TERM ENDING 4/30/20. TRUSTEE BLACKWOOD SECONDED THE MOTION.** The motion passed.

**8 AYES      0 NAYES**

**B. INTERVIEW OF PARTH SHAHA FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE ARLINGTON ECONOMIC ALLIANCE – TERM ENDING: 4/30/20**

Mayor Hayes introduced Parth Shaha and said he was very well qualified for the Hospitality slot on the Arlington Economic Alliance. Mr. Shaha is the owner of the Red Roof Inn and Comfort Inn on the south side of the Village along Arlington Heights Road. Mayor Hayes said that he appreciated everything that Mr. Shaha can offer not only to the Economic Alliance but also to other hotel owners and operators.

Trustee Scaletta thanked Mr. Shaha for his willingness to serve and asked what brought him to the Economic Alliance. Mr. Shaha replied that he settled his family here and had assets in other cities and consolidated everything to Arlington Heights. The Village has given him a lot of opportunity so he re-invested here for the long term and wants to make sure the Village succeeds.

Mayor Hayes asked Mr. Shaha to share some of the ideas he had.

Mr. Shaha said area hotels each individually drive shuttles to the airport and many small companies rely on hotels to shuttle their employees. Mr. Shaha proposed an idea to other hotels about establishing a common shuttle to transport passengers to and from their companies which would steal them from Elk Grove, Schaumburg, and Rosemont. He said none of the other competing cities do anything to get that customer. He was unable to proceed with his proposal due to a potential conflict of interest.

Trustee Tinaglia asked Mr. Shaha how to get something like that to work to get people not only to and from the airport or their place of business but to get them to come to the Arlington Heights Downtown as opposed to going to Woodfield. Mr. Shaha replied he was not aware of any advertisement or common shuttle bringing people to the Downtown or any list of events happening in the Downtown.

Trustee Rosenberg asked if the Village as part of its website could produce a weekly or bi-weekly event sheet for hotels to get people to come to the Downtown. Village Manager Randy Recklaus said the Village was in the process of working on it as part of the Southtown corridor project and which will be rolled out very soon. Also, the Planning Department was exploring marketing/event information to share with hotels that would highlight events and activities.

Mr. Shaha said the visitors that are here without vehicles and stay for 3-4 days are the ones you would want to visit the Downtown but if the hotel shuttle is at the airport, guests would have to wait 40 minutes until it returns to be transported to the Downtown. Mr. Shaha said he believes it is the same for all of the hotels.

**TRUSTEE SCALETTA MOVED TO CONCUR IN THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF PARTH SHAHA TO THE ARLINGTON ECONOMIC ALLIANCE WITH TERM ENDING 4/30/20. TRUSTEE LABEDZ SECONDED THE MOTION. The motion passed.**

**8 AYES      0 NAYES**

**C. INTERVIEW OF CHARLIE GOLDBERG FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE YOUTH COMMISSION – TERM ENDING: 4/30/18**

Mayor Hayes introduced Charlie Goldberg as a student at John Hersey High School and thanked him for his willingness to serve.

Trustee LaBedz asked Mr. Goldberg about his participation with the International Dark Sky Association. Mr. Goldberg said light pollution is a problem affecting natural habitats and in urban areas not many people have not seen what a dark sky is. He said there is little awareness of this issue. He said the Dark Sky Association has different chapters around the world and he was appointed the Chicago youth chapter leader. Mr. Goldberg said he is trying to start an astronomy club at his school as a way to raise awareness among young people. Trustee LaBedz asked Mr. Goldberg how he sees himself fitting in with the Youth Commission. He feels it would be a great learning experience but is also not afraid to speak his mind.

Trustee Scaletta asked Mr. Goldberg if he had attended a Youth Commission meeting. Mr. Goldberg said he has not yet attended a meeting. Trustee Scaletta asked if Mr. Goldberg knew what topics they cover. Mr. Goldberg said they covered a wide range of issues and is interested in what takes place at the meetings. He feels it would be a good learning experience. Trustee Scaletta asked Mr. Goldberg what he hoped to accomplish on the Youth

Commission. Mr. Goldberg said he would like to see what he could do with spreading awareness about light pollution.

Trustee Blackwood asked Mr. Goldberg what he thought the top three things his counterparts at school are concerned about in their daily lives in Arlington Heights. Mr. Goldberg said he felt most students were overworked at school in general and a school issue would be weekend partying and drinking.

**TRUSTEE SCALETTA MOVED TO CONCUR IN THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF CHARLIE GOLDBERG TO THE YOUTH COMMISSION WITH TERM ENDING 4/30/18. TRUSTEE LABEDZ SECONDED THE MOTION. The motion passed.**

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Glasgow moved, and Trustee Scaletta seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.