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
July 10, 2017 – 7:45 PM

Mayor Tom Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mayor Thomas Hayes; Trustees Baldino, LaBedz, Glasgow, Rosenberg, Scaletta, Sidor, Tinaglia
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:	Trustee Blackwood
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:	Village Manager Randy Recklaus; Assistant Village Manager Diana Mikula
OTHERS PRESENT:	Kathleen Neacy; Andrea Johnson

1. **INTERVIEW OF KATHLEEN NEACY FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE ARTS COMMISSION – TERM ENDING: 4/30/18**

The Board reviewed Kathleen Neacy's resume and discussed her interest in serving on the Arts Commission. Trustee LaBedz asked Ms. Neacy about the Art on the Street project she currently leads. Ms. Neacy said Art on the Street is an adhoc organization enabling kids to take activism to an arts arena within the community. The goals are to create street art that is positive, non-destructive, and removed in a couple of weeks. On a recent project the kids took used political yard signs, painted them with positive messages, and then displayed them in an empty lot. Ms. Neacy said art and creativity are a passion and interest of hers and feels you can create art and then take it down. Some of their art includes crocheted weaving on chain link fences and patchwork fence quilts. Trustee LaBedz asked Ms. Neacy what the age range was for the kids. Ms. Neacy said the age range is from 5 to 12 years old while most of the kids who participate are between 8 and 10 years old.

Trustee Scaletta asked Ms. Neacy if there was a message posted explaining the street art project. Ms. Neacy said there were signs on the trees in the lot explaining the project along with her contact information. She said they communicate mainly through Facebook. Trustee Scaletta asked Ms. Neacy if it would make sense to work with the Park District or the schools where it gets the message out to the community. Ms. Neacy said they display their art on private property because of the possibility of the art being removed from public property.

Following discussion, **TRUSTEE ROSENBERG MOVED TO CONCUR IN THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF KATHLEEN NEACY TO THE ARTS COMMISSION WITH TERM ENDING 4/30/18. TRUSTEE LABEDZ SECONDED THE MOTION**. The Motion passed 8-0.

2. **INTERVIEW OF ANDREA JOHNSON FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE HOUSING COMMISSION – TERM ENDING: 4/30/18**

Mayor Hayes introduced Andrea Johnson to the Board and asked her to articulate why she was interested in Housing issues. Ms. Johnson said she loves speaking out for people who do not feel they have a voice. Ms. Johnson wants them to know that there are housing options available for people who would like to live in Arlington Heights but believe it is not within their budget to live here. She wants to get the word out that Arlington Heights is affordable for everyone and there are programs to assist.

Trustee Scaletta asked Ms. Johnson what she wanted to bring to the Housing Commission. She said she discussed different housing programs with Mayor Hayes that she had never heard of. The one area that she wants to concentrate on is to let people know about those programs and feels there are people who could take advantage of them. Trustee Scaletta asked Ms. Johnson how she would suggest that the Housing Commission gets the word out. Ms. Johnson feels the Housing Commission could make people aware of the programs through various activities in the Village. She would also like to find out if there are other additional programs to assist people. Trustee Scaletta asked Ms. Johnson if she was familiar with grant writing. Ms. Johnson said she has written grants before.

Following discussion, **TRUSTEE LABEDZ MOVED TO CONCUR IN THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF ANDREA JOHNSON TO THE HOUSING COMMISSION WITH TERM ENDING 4/30/18. TRUSTEE BALDINO SECONDED THE MOTION.** The Motion passed 8-0.

3. **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Scaletta moved, and Trustee Baldino seconded the motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.