



AGENDA
Committee of the Whole
Community Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd
August 3, 2026
7:15 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. 7/20/2026 COW Minutes
- V. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Interview of Bridget Krause for appointment to the Performing Arts at Metropolis Board of Directors, completing the term ending 9/16/2026 and fulfilling the next term ending 9/16/2029
- VI. OTHER BUSINESS
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone wishing to speak on a subject not on the Agenda may speak at this time. Please limit your comments to three minutes.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
July 20, 2026**

President Tinaglia called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Tinaglia; Trustees Bertucci, Dunnington, Gilbert, LaBedz, Manganaro, Santa Maria, Schwingbeck and Zyck

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Village Manager Randy Recklaus, Deputy Village Manager Diana Mikula

OTHERS PRESENT: Sean Anderson, Ting Ting Liang

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of the 7/6/2026 Committee of the Whole Minutes

Trustee LaBedz moved to approve the 7/6/2026 Committee of the Whole Minutes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Schwingbeck.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Interview of Sean Anderson by the Liquor Commissioner for issuance of a Class A liquor license to Arlington Grace LLC dba Somebody's Neighborhood Grill located at 858 S. Arthur Avenue

Mayor Tinaglia asked Sean to describe his experience in the restaurant industry. Sean explained that he has spent his entire career in the hospitality industry. He has been a bartender, server, cook, dishwasher and manager in many different establishments in several different communities. Sean grew up in Arlington Heights and recently moved back here with his family. He has been looking for a bar or restaurant that would be a good fit for him to own. Somebody's was the right fit for him and his family due to its great name reputation along with the opportunity to offer great food and to elevate the experience and hospitality.

Sean confirmed that during his entire career, he has never received a citation for a liquor law violation nor had a liquor license revoked or suspended. Sean has completed his BASSET training. All seven employees will be retained and all seven are BASSET trained. Operationally, Sean is planning very few changes on day one, but will methodically implement changes as needed.

Deputy Village Manager Diana Mikula gave the staff report. Ms. Mikula explained that Sean Anderson is 85% owner and Blaise Davis owns the other 15% of the business. Background

checks were conducted on both owners in June by the Police Department and no issues were noted. They are seeking a Class A liquor license. The hours of operation are Sunday until 11pm, Monday through Thursday until midnight and Friday and Saturday until 1am. They are leasing the space. The submitted floor plan reflected what was observed during the July 2nd walk through.

Trustee Schwingbeck has been to Somebody's a few times and observed that there are mostly adults, but noticed that Sean will be offering a kid's menu. Trustee Schwingbeck emphasized that the Village conducts compliance checks and how seriously the Village takes liquor violations and sales to minors. Sean is aware that the Village conducts the compliance checks. Sean wants the establishment to be family friendly. Trustee Schwingbeck also noted that Blaise does not have any experience in the restaurant industry. Sean confirmed that Blaise is primarily an investor and won't be there to run the daily operations.

Trustee Bertucci confirmed with Ms. Mikula that the location of Somebody's does not have previous violations. Trustee Bertucci reiterated how seriously the Village takes the sale of alcohol to minors and emphasized the importance of the staff checking every ID.

Trustees thanked Sean for investing in Arlington Heights.

Trustee Zyck moved, seconded by Trustee Santa Maria to recommend that the Liquor Commissioner issue a Class A liquor license to Arlington Grace LLC dba Somebody's Neighborhood Grill located at 858 S. Arthur Avenue, upon receipt of the executed business sale documents, executed lease, and certificate of dram shop insurance.

The following voice vote was recorded:

9 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

B. Interview of Ting Ting Liang and Qiugui Jiang by the Liquor Commissioner for issuance of a Class A liquor license to Shun Sushi INC dba Shun Sushi located at 138 E. Rand Road

Mayor Tinaglia asked Ting Ting to describe her experience in the restaurant industry and with selling alcohol. Ting Ting said that for the past seven years, she worked at a restaurant in Wheaton as a server, washing dishes and in management.

Ting Ting confirmed that she has never received a citation for a liquor law violation nor had a liquor license revoked or suspended. Ting Ting is BASSET trained, as is Qiugui Jiang. Mayor Tinaglia reminded Ting Ting that anyone selling/serving alcohol must be BASSET trained. They are planning for Shun Sushi to be open from 11:30am – 9pm.

Deputy Village Manager Diana Mikula gave the staff report. Ms. Mikula explained that this location was previously 5th Avenue Sushi at the northwest corner of Arlington Heights Road and Rand, but they did not have a liquor license. Ting Ting and Qiugui are both 50% owners. Qiugui also currently owns Yen Yen Restaurant in Arlington Heights which has a liquor license. On July 7 a walk through was conducted and the floor plan reflected what was observed on site.

Trustee Gilbert noticed that two owners are listed and asked for clarification. Ms. Mikula confirmed that there is just one liquor license and that only one owner needs to appear for the interview.

Trustee LaBedz asked Ting Ting if she is going to continue working at the restaurant in Wheaton. Ting Ting said that she would only be at Shun Sushi and her partner will be mostly at Shun Sushi as well.

Trustee Bertucci warned Ting Ting to be very careful not to serve to minors. He explained compliance checks and let her know that the Village takes them seriously.

Trustee Zyck asked Ms. Mikula if Yen Yen has ever had any liquor violations. Ms. Mikula will look that up and get back to Trustee Zyck, but informed him that this location has not had any liquor violations. Trustee Zyck asked Ting Ting to clarify if this is a brand new restaurant or if they are just taking over 5th Avenue Sushi. Ting Ting said that this is a brand new restaurant.

Trustees thanked Ting Ting for investing in Arlington Heights.

Trustee LaBedz moved, seconded by Trustee Schwingbeck to recommend that the Liquor Commissioner issue a Class A liquor license to Shun Sushi INC dba Shun Sushi located at 138 E. Rand Road

The following voice vote was recorded:

9 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS - none

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS – none

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – Trustee LaBedz moved, seconded by Trustee Bertucci to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.



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— INC. 1887 —

Committee of the Whole
8/3/2026

Item: Interview of Bridget Krause for appointment to the Performing Arts at Metropolis Board of Directors, completing the term ending 9/16/2026 and fulfilling the next term ending 9/16/2029

Department: Integrated Services

Item Description:

Bridget is an executive at a non-profit medical association with a background in marketing, communications, fundraising, non-profit management and board governance. With a passion for the arts, Bridget is excited to use her skills to contribute to strengthening community engagement, expanding audience reach and supporting fundraising and long-term sustainability efforts for the Metropolis.

ATTACHMENTS:

None