

# Consumer Affairs Commission Minutes

April 13, 2022

In attendance: Davorka Kirinic, Pouriya Soltani, Jeffrey Schvimer, George Mathew, Ted Lavine,, Biju Krishnan, Joanne Haerberlin, Sam Pratap

Phone: Gary Merrill

Excused: Trustee Khoeun, Jennifer Engel, Howard Meyer

Meeting was called to order at 6:36

**Intro topic.** Where did you go to elementary school?

**Minutes** Jeff moved to accept minutes. Seconded. Approved.

## **Farmers Market**

There are 32 confirmed vendors. Opening day is June 5. Possibly a “grand opening”. Jennifer has confirmed that we have the reusable green shopping bags to hand out.

Biju has ordered 1000 loyalty cards and is working on a more permanent sign for the stamping vendors.

Awaiting market calendar with special events to see which other commissions could be invited to have a presence at the market. Joanne to follow up with Mayor’s office.

## **BOY nomination form**

Ann Tennes has forwarded a QR code that can be added to the nomination form (copy attached) or used as a stand alone scan. Information on the Business of the Year nominations was included in this week’s Village newsletter.

Information is available on Village website, Chamber of Commerce, Farmers Market, Facebook. Joanne is to follow up with Ann about the possibility of submitting to newspapers. Nominations are not limited to one per person but one per form.

## **Skokie Hospital flyer**

David Rajiha, President of NorthShore Skokie Hospital forwarded the flyer they have developed in response to our request. Discussion on how this might be of use to the CAC and Village. Are we currently giving welcome packets to new residents? If not, should the CAC be instrumental in developing and distributing a welcome packet? Could it be of use to the Skokie Health Department? Other? Joanne to check with David to see if they are planning on printing them.  
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## **Trust Me Media Literacy Education**

Michael Spikes and Mariah Cherem from the Skokie Library have had two meetings to discuss what this might look like. i.e. reshaping the PBS Trust Me, panel to answer questions, ability to have it “checked out”. Maybe a website that could be updated with links to check out the veracity of on line information. Scams. Joanne has followed up with the editor of Kane Miller children’s books on the possibility of maybe a picture book to acquaint young children. Joanne will follow up with Michael to see how CAC can be part of the process.

## **Miscellaneous**

Gary reported that energy companies are again knocking on doors. Warned to be careful. He has reported to the police.

George reported that he was approached by people he knows about the possibility of having a table at the market once a month to encourage voting. Not linked to a party or candidate. Asked him to get more information on the organization.

Ted reported that the car show was resuming at Old Orchard Shopping Center. Every week on Monday evening. First show June 6. He is on the committee and asked if a car could be parked at the market to inform people that the show

was back. Discussion also about the possibility of reciprocal information distribution. For instance, information about the market, BOY nomination forms, etc.

Biju reported that the Festival of Cultures is resuming on May 21-22. Does the CAC again want a table?

Shirts and badges need to be ordered for some CAC members. Joanne to get information to Davorka.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52

Joanne Haeberlin, Chair

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 11

#### Sec 2-812-Duties

It shall be the duty of the Consumer Affairs Commission to coordinate consumer affairs activities, carry on educational activities on consumer matters, supervise the preparation of consumer affairs reports and recommend to the Mayor and the Board of Trustees ordinances, rules and regulations and methods of enforcement in relation to consumer affairs

## 2022 Skokie Business of the Year Nomination Form

The Consumer Affairs Commission is now accepting nominations for the 2022 Business of the Year. Which store, service or business provides the most outstanding service to you? Please fill out the nomination below including the comments section. Please limit one nomination per form .

Ballots may also be submitted at the ShopLocalSkokie Facebook page and at [www.Skokie.org](http://www.Skokie.org).

**\*Name of Business:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address of Business** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*This business should be 2022 Skokie Business of the Year because (use reverse side if necessary)**

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**\*Submitted by** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Phone number** \_\_\_\_\_ **\*E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

Rules: complete all \* information. Any Village business providing goods or services is eligible. Business of the Year winners from the past three years are not eligible. Return mail nominations to: Skokie Village Hall, Attn: Consumer Affairs Commission, 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois 60077 **Entries must be received by August 31, 2022**