Community Commission Agenda

Village Board Room
1225 Cedar Lane Northbrook, IL 60062
Thursday, August 28, 2025

7:00 PM

1. **ROLL CALL**
2. **MINUTES APPROVAL**
   A. Minutes from the June 26, 2025 meeting
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT TIME**

This agenda item is reserved for members of the public who desire to address the Public Body on a topic that is within purview and jurisdiction of the Public Body, but that is not listed in another location on the agenda. If you would like to speak about a matter that is listed on the agenda, we ask that you wait until that agenda item is called, and we will give you an opportunity to speak then. Anyone desiring to speak should fill out a written speaker form (located in the back of the meeting room) and submit it to the Staff Liaison. "Public Comment Time" is not a forum for open dialogue or engagement with members of the Public Body. Rather, it is intended as an opportunity for you to make comments to the Public Body. While the Public Body will not immediately respond to public comments at this meeting, or engage in a back and forth discussion during the meeting, please be assured that the Public Body is actively listening to all comments, thoughts, and suggestions. All speakers will be limited to a total of three minutes. We request that everyone be respectful, civil, and non-repetitive; and we ask that members of the audience refrain from applauding or making any other comments during or after any speaker. Thank you for your understanding and taking the time to contribute to the success of our community.

4. **DISCUSSION TOPICS**
   A. Braver Angels Workshop
   The Commission will host a Braver Angels workshop on September 14, 2025 at the Northbrook Public Library from 2:00 - 4:30pm. Commissioners will review event details and event logistics including if the Commission should make a donation to the workshop facilitators from Braver Angels.
   B. Discussion on Student Membership Recruitment
   The Northbrook Community Commission is allowed an unlimited number of student members per the Commission's establishing ordinance. At this time, only three students have been appointed. Commissioners will discuss recruitment strategies for student members.
   C. 2025 Summer Tabling
   The Community Commission tabled at the Northbrook Farmer's Market on July 30 and the National Night Out event on August 5. The Commission will be tabling at Shermerfest on September 21.
   D. Upcoming DEI Moments
   Commissioners will discuss upcoming DEI moments.
   E. Upcoming Meeting Schedule
   The next regular meeting of the Northbrook Community Commission is September 25, 2025 at 7:00pm.

5. ADJOURN

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COMMUNITY COMMISSION

Community Commission Minutes

Sandra "Sandy" Frum Board Room
1225 Cedar Lane Northbrook, IL 60062
Thursday, June 26, 2025

1) Roll Call

Also in Attendance: Staff Liaison Sam Reiss

Attendee Name	Status
Jennifer Saperstein	Present
Janet Spector Bishop	Present
Bob Tucker	Present
Philip Shapiro	Present
Melissa Dane	Present
Vinita Patel	Present

2) Minutes Approval

2.A) Minutes from the May 22, 2025 meeting

Janet Spector Bishop moved, seconded by Bob Tucker to approve 2.A) Minutes from the May 22, 2025 meeting. On voice vote, the motion passed.

RESULT: **PASSED [6-0]**
MOVER: Janet Spector Bishop
SECONDER: Bob Tucker
AYES: Jennifer Saperstein, Janet Spector Bishop, Bob Tucker, Philip Shapiro, Melissa Dane, Vinita Patel
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

3) Public Comment Time

Kimberly Yen, a prospective member of the commission, attended the meeting.

4) Discussion Topics

4.A) Upcoming DEI Moments

Commissioners discussed the upcoming DEI moment at Village Board meetings. Commissioners decided to invite a member of the Senior Services

Commission to speak regarding senior citizens' day.

4.B) 2025 Summer Tabling

Commissioners discussed multiple summer tabling opportunities at the Farmers Market and National Night Out. Commissioners noted a correction to the agenda to reflect that National Night Out is August 5 rather than August 6.

4.C) Community Commission Brochure

Commissioners discussed a new brochure developed by Commissioner Bishop.

4.D) 2025 Fall Event

Chair Saperstein briefed the Commission on the recommended workshop Skills for Disagreeing Better through Braver Angels. Liaison Reiss confirmed that the Library would consider the event a partnership.

5) Adjourn

Liaison Reiss shared that the July 24 meeting falls on the Northbrook Gran Prix and the commission would need to select an alternative date to meet if they would like to meet in July. Commissioners noted that there would only be one more meeting on August 28 before the Fall Event. After a brief discussion, there was consensus that a special meeting would not be necessary.

The next regular meeting of the Community Commission is on August 28.

Bob Tucker moved, seconded by Philip Shapiro to approve 5) Adjourn. On voice vote, the motion passed.

RESULT:	**PASSED [6-0]**
MOVER:	Bob Tucker
SECONDER:	Philip Shapiro
AYES:	Jennifer Saperstein, Janet Spector Bishop, Bob Tucker, Philip Shapiro, Melissa Dane, Vinita Patel
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

MEMORANDUM

To: Northbrook Community Commission
From: Sam Reiss, Staff Liaison
Date: 2025-08-28
Subject: Discussion on Student Membership Recruitment

Overview
The Northbrook Community Commission is allowed an unlimited number of student members per the Commission's establishing ordinance. At this time, only three students have been appointed. Commissioners will discuss recruitment strategies for student members.

Fiscal Impact
N/A

Recommendation
None. Discussion Only

Background
The Northbrook Community Commission is allowed an unlimited number of student members per the Commission's establishing ordinance. At this time, only three students have been appointed. Commissioners will discuss recruitment strategies for student members and provide direction to the Staff Liaison if the commission's intent is to formally recommend amendment(s) to establishing ordinance regarding student membership.

The Commission's establishing ordinance can be reviewed here.