

VILLAGE OF LOMBARD
REQUEST FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTION
For Inclusion on Board Agenda

Resolution or Ordinance (Blue) _____ *Waiver of First Requested*
 X Recommendations of Boards, Commissions & Committees (Green)
Other Business (Pink)

TO: PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: Scott Niehaus, Village Manager

DATE: August 29, 2024 (B of T) Date: September 5, 2024

TITLE: Appointment – Community Relations Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Dan Militello, Chairperson
Community Relations Committee

BACKGROUND/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Request for concurrence in the appointment of Beth Gunzel to the Community Relations Committee with a term to May 2025 filling a vacancy created by the resignation of Ahmed Ali.

Please place this item on the consent agenda for the September 5, 2024, Board of Trustees meeting.

Review (as necessary):

Village Attorney X _____ Date _____
Finance Director X _____ Date _____
Village Manager X _____ Date _____

NOTE: All materials must be submitted to and approved by the Village Manager's Office by 12:00 noon, Wednesday, prior to the Agenda Distribution.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Elizabeth Brezinski, Village Clerk
FROM: Dan Militello, Village Trustee
DATE: August 14, 2024
SUBJECT: Appointment to the Community Relations Committee

In light of the recent resignation of Ahmed Ali from the Community Relations Committee, I am recommending the appointment of Beth Gunzel to fill this vacancy.

Earlier this year, following a call for volunteers for the Community Relations Committee, 12 applicants were interviewed and considered for two vacancies. Ms. Gunzel was considered one of the top three candidates as her qualifications and enthusiasm made her an exceptional choice for the committee.

Ms. Gunzel holds an educational background in Social Work and Urban Planning, along with professional expertise in program management, community engagement, and fundraising for community and social service organizations. Her commitment to creating better relationships among residents in diverse and inclusive ways is shown in her work and aspirations. She is committed to promoting and supporting initiatives with governmental agencies, businesses, schools, and organizations to increase goodwill and civil engagement among residents.

Currently, Ms. Gunzel serves on the Inclusion Council for the Conservation Foundation and the Education Committee for the DuPage NAACP. Additionally, she is an active member of the PTA at Park View Elementary School. Her extensive experience in collaborating with various stakeholders to organize and execute neighborhood and community events that bring people together and promote understanding will be invaluable to the committee.

Attached to this memo is a copy of Ms. Gunzel's application. Please note that personal information, such as her email address and home address, has been redacted to protect her privacy, as this document will be included in the posted agenda.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Dan Militello
Village Trustee

CC: Scott Niehaus, Village Manager; Carol Bauer, Executive Coordinator

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Application To Serve on a Board or Committee - Submission #8575

Date Submitted: 7/2/2023

Application to Serve on a Volunteer Village Board, Committee or Commission

The Village of Lombard actively seeks qualified resident candidates to serve on its volunteer Boards, Committees, and Commissions. Please fill out the below form for consideration. Please contact the Clerk's Office at (630)620-5741 with any questions. Thank you.

Applications will be valid for 1 year from submission.

Name:*

Beth Gunzel

Date:*

7/2/2023

Phone:*

3123408866

Email Address

bgunzel@gmail.com

Lombard Home Address*

337 W VIEW ST

City

LOMBARD

State

IL

Zip Code

60148-1515

Select The Board, Committee, or Commission of which you are Interested in Serving *

Community Relations Committee



Please Provide a Brief Overview of Your Qualifications to Serve on the Above Selected*

I am writing to express my interest in volunteering for the Community Relations Committee. With my educational background in Social Work and Urban Planning and my professional experience working in program management, community engagement, and fundraising for community and social service organizations, I am confident that I can make significant contributions to this work.

First and foremost, I have a passion for developing better relationships among residents in diverse and inclusive ways. I also have a strong commitment to helping promote and support initiatives with various governmental agencies, businesses, schools, and organizations to increase goodwill and civil engagement among residents. I have experience collaborating with different stakeholders to organize and execute neighborhood and community events that bring people together and promote understanding. Finally, I believe my strong interpersonal skills and dedication to community building will enable me to excel with this committee.

Thank you for considering my application.
Sincerely,
Beth Gunzel

Educational Background*

Bachelor of Social Work
Master of Urban Planning and Policy

Community Involvement*

I currently serve on the Inclusion Council for the Conservation Foundation and the Education Committee for the DuPage NAACP. I am also a member of the PTA at Park View Elementary School.

Volunteer Experience

I am currently a registered volunteer for the Forest Preserve District of DuPage

Current Occupation*

Professional Fundraiser for Non Profit/Social Service Organizations

Employer

Length of Lombard residency:*

1978-2000 and 2021-Present