

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

DISTRICT # _____

_____ 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 R. Niehaus Village Manager

DATE : November 14, 2023 **B of T** November 16, 2023

SUBJECT: Appointments – Community Promotion & Tourism Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Bernie Dudek, Chairperson
 Community Promotion & Tourism Committee

BACKGROUND/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Request for concurrence in the appointments of Kimberly Messina, Umar Haque and Kayla Harger to the Community Promotions & Tourism Committee with terms to May 2025 filling vacancies created by the resignations of Phil Dahm, Amy LeBeau and Jim Grillo.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source:

Review (as necessary):

Finance Director _____ Date _____
 Village Manager  Date 11/14/23

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.



DATE: November 13, 2023

TO: Elizabeth Brezinski, Village Clerk

SUBJECT: Appointment to Community Promotions and Tourism Committee

FROM: Bernie Dudek, Trustee District 3

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update on the status of my review and appointment recommendations for the Lombard Community Promotions and Tourism Committee. There are presently three (3) vacancies for which a total of eight (8) applications were received. To gauge interest, I sent an introductory email describing the responsibilities of the committee, our monthly meeting schedule, as well as links to past meeting minutes and agendas. Of those eight emails sent I received four responses. One response declined the invitation. I sent a second round of emails out to make sure no one had missed the first one. No further emails were received. Subsequently, I scheduled time to call and further discuss the Community Promotions and Tourism Committee with the three interested applicants. Recently, a fourth applicant approached Village Manager Scott Niehaus with a desire to serve the village in a volunteer capacity. Village Manager Niehaus forwarded the name of this individual to me, and we had several conversations as well as a face-to-face meeting and I was very impressed with their enthusiasm. Finding myself in the enviable position of having four extremely viable candidates to fill three positions I was forced to make a final decision to choose who I thought would best serve the Village at this time. With that said, I am recommending the appointment of the following residents to fill the three (3) vacant positions of the Community Promotions and Tourism Committee:

Kimberly Messina – After living in Elmhurst for 30 years, Kimberly recently moved to Lombard and has been looking for a way to volunteer and serve her new community. Her public relations degree and career as a corporate travel coordinator make her uniquely qualified to serve on the Community Promotions and Tourism Committee. She has volunteered with several different groups and is an avid bicyclist and licensed cycling instructor. She says her time spent bike riding throughout other communities has helped to open her eyes to new ideas for how to attract visitors and she firmly believes “if you build it, they will come”.

Umar Haque – Dr. Haque owns his own dental practice in Oakbrook Terrace and he, his wife, and two children have lived in Lombard for five years. Umar is extremely enthusiastic about volunteering with the Village of Lombard and his enthusiasm is contagious. He enjoys a wide range of hobbies including woodworking, laser cutting, and videography and his ideas for improving Lombard and encouraging overnight tourism stays are equally wide-ranging and varied.

Kayla Harger – I’m excited to say that Kayla is a bit of a unicorn. She’s only lived in Lombard for a little over a year, but she’s extremely interested in learning about her new community and volunteering her time. What makes her unique is she’s a senior at Columbia University majoring in Social Media and Marketing. She’s also interned at Yelp where her focus was on promoting tourism in Chicago. Her youth, energy, and focus of study make her an exciting and welcome addition to the Community Promotions and Tourism Committee. Kayla particularly enjoys the parks and outdoor amenities Lombard has to offer

and will have many great ideas and suggestions for how to best showcase our Village for other newcomers and visitors.

I am very happy to submit these candidates for board approval and I am eager to work with them and the returning Community Promotions and Tourism Committee members as we chart an exciting new future for events and festivities in our village. If there are any additional questions or concerns, I would be happy to address them.

Bernie Dudek
District 3 Trustee
Village of Lombard
255 E. Wilson Avenue
Lombard, IL 60148
630-202-6820

Subject:

FW: Online Form Submittal: Application To Serve on a Board or Committee

Application To Serve on a Board or Committee

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: Kimberly Messina

Date: 11.19.2021

Phone:

Email Address

Lombard Home Address

City Lombard

State IL

Zip Code 60148

Select The Board, Committee, or Commission of which you are Interested in Serving Public Safety and Transportation Committee

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

I strive to bike or walk whenever possible within the community I live in. I am also a Licensed Cycling Instructor, teaching new riders as well as conducting bike/pedestrian safety classes to park districts, elementary, and middle schools. I am new to Lombard, but frequently biked throughout the village. I have great hope that Lombard's Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan of 2014 can be resurrected and implemented with funding allocated for improvements to a safer biking/walking infrastructure in communities like Lombard.

Educational Background	Public Relations - Associates degree Licensed Cycling Instructor through the League of American Bicyclists
Community Involvement	New to Lombard, but while living 30 years in Elmhurst, I was part of the Sustainability Task Force - Transportation and Mobility . I volunteered for Elmhurst Cool Cities and Elmhurst Bicycle Club park clean ups, guided bike tours to Elmhurst Native Garden events, conducted bike safety classes at the library.
Volunteer Experience	I volunteered for Elmhurst Cool Cities and Elmhurst Bicycle Club park clean ups, guided bike tours to Elmhurst Native Garden events, conducted bike safety classes at the library.
Current Occupation	
Employer	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Length of Lombard residency:	8 months

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Name: Umar Haque

Date: 10/15/2023

Phone:

Email Address

Lombard Home Address

City Lombard

State IL

Zip Code 60148

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

Please Provide a Brief
Overview of Your
Qualifications to Serve on
the Above Selected I am a 5 year resident of Lombard, have a passion for seeing
Lombard thrive and improve, and have been a ScoutMaster for
our local Troop for 5 years.

Educational Background Doctorate in Dental Medicine (DMD) University of Connecticut
2002

Bachelors of Science

Community Involvement	Lombard Citizens Police Academy President of CMDS (Dental study club) Scoutmaster for Troop 99
Volunteer Experience	Scoutmaster, LCPAAA, Volunteer for Islamic Foundation LiveStream and Security
Current Occupation	Dentist
Employer	
Length of Lombard residency:	5 years

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Name:	Kayla
Date:	Harger
Phone:	
Email Address	
Lombard Home Address	
City	Field not completed.
State	Field not completed.
Zip Code	Field not completed.
Select The Board, Committee, or Commission of which you are Interested in Serving	Community Promotion & Tourism Committee
Please Provide a Brief Overview of Your Qualifications to Serve on the Above Selected	As a social media student, I have learned how to prepare events for companies as well as create and work with budgets. I have worked with Yelp before as an intern making boards on tourism in Chicago so I have background in that as well.
Educational Background	Current Social Media & Digital Strategy Student at Columbia College Chicago
Community Involvement	None so far but I am interested in my ability to help my community and feel a part of the town.
Volunteer Experience	Field not completed.

Current Occupation	Full Time Student
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Employer	<i>Field not completed.</i>
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Length of Lombard residency:	6 months
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