

CCI Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2022

6 p.m.

Attendees: Jerry Andersen, Rick Cook, Susan Nielsen, Brent Parries, Barbara Smolak, Laurie Swanson; guest interviewees Bill Merchant, Richard Nepon, and Gordon Stratford, by Zoom.

Staff: Katie Wilson

Chair Jerry Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes Approval: Minutes of the February 2022 meeting were approved unanimously.

The **Agenda** for the March meeting was devoted mainly to interviews of prospective members of the committee. Applicants were Richard Nepon, Bill Merchant, and Gordon Slatford. After a short period of discussion, interviewees were admitted to the meeting room one by one. Application forms giving background and motivations for each accompanied the interviews. Katie Wilson posed the set of introductory questions to each and committee members then followed with any further queries. Each candidate had as much time as needed in an informal conversation. Following the interviews committee members had a brief discussion regarding the candidates. The committee recommended that all three applicants, Richard Nepon, Bill Merchant, and Gordon Slatford be advanced to the BCC for appointment to the committee.

Katie Wilson gave a short update on current PGA matters. Some discussion took place regarding the initiative to provide for the needs of inactive CPOs as regards receipt of relevant land-use applications by neighboring CPOs.

Also discussed was the matter of expenditure compensation by CPOs: the current allotment to CPOs is, in many cases far below the expenditures now carried by volunteer officials of the CPOs. Katie clarified why the Hamlets and Villages can receive greater compensation than the CPOs as well as pointing out that the roles of CPOs and Hamlets toward the county are legally quite different.

Katie listed some proposed Community Leaders Meeting agenda items for upcoming sessions: housing initiatives, legislative updates, Department of Transportation projects, and highway tolling issues. She asked that committee members be free to make further suggestions.

Seeing no further business, Chair Andersen adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Next meeting: April 19, 2022