

**Mayfield Village Citizens Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2023**

The Citizens Advisory Committee met on Monday, Oct 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Civic Center, 6622 Wilson Mills Road, Mayfield Village.

Present: Bob Haycox (Chair) Rosemary Fabrizio
 Patti Ferris Peter Gall
 Lorry Nadeau Monica Syracuse
 Maureen Washock

Absent: Sara Calo Sandy Batcheller
 Robert Gessner Joanna McNally
 Marilyn LaRiche-Goldstein Katie Parker
 Mary Salomon Mark Granakis

Also Present: George Williams, Council Representative
 Jennifer Jurcisek, Council Representative
 Allen Meyers, Council Member

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Haycox welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if there were any changes to the minutes from the September 26, 2023 meeting, previously provided for review. There were none and the minutes were approved as written.

Values-in-Action Foundation (VIA)/Kindland Workshop

Mr. Haycox turned the meeting over to Council Representative George Williams. Mr. Williams advised the Committee that tonight will be a workshop regarding suggestions on how to promote and utilize Kindland in Mayfield Village.

Mrs. Fabrizio mentioned Project Love, getting the schools involved, summer programs. Kindland promotes intentional, purposeful acts of kindness, not random acts. People need to set an example by doing acts of kindness for their neighbors, such as taking in garbage cans for a neighbor. Also, we can approach the Friends of the Library to ask for their participation.

Mrs. Jurcisek said on Walnut neighbors are maintaining a neighbor's yard that needs help. We should contact our HOA's, the Historical Society and other active local groups to participate. The Historical Society needs volunteers to do lawn care, help with student field trips, etc.

Mrs. Nadeau also discussed contacting existing committees to recruit more volunteers.

Mrs. Fabrizio said giving Halloween candy to adults while taking their children trick-or-treating is another nice act of kindness.

Mrs. Washock said even if people can devote 5 to 10 minutes a month, we should provide concrete ideas or themes in the VOV or a theme of the month with multiple 5-10-15 minute ideas. If we start small, more people will participate.

Mrs. Nadeau agreed the simpler the better.

Mrs. Jurcisek mentioned that families can volunteer together. Shane is always looking for volunteers, such as at our holiday parties.

Mr. Haycox said that high school students can participate to get their volunteer hours.

Mrs. Washock said elementary school kids have kindness day. We can partner with them.

Mrs. Jurcisek said the MHS principal is open to kindness.

Mr. Williams mentioned that CVAC turned down the Kindland mentoring program. It wasn't a good fit for them.

Mrs. Jurcisek said Center School has an annual Arbor Day event. We can get to do acts of kindness as part of this program.

Mr. Gall said Kindland needs people to participate in ongoing events. We should plan a series of events.

Mrs. Jurcisek said we can get a registration code assigned to Mayfield Village vs. people using their personal name when doing Kindland events.

Mrs. Nadeau said seniors do acts of kindness for their neighbors vs. for Kindland.

Mrs. Washock said we need other communication methods besides social media for seniors. Mrs. Jurcisek suggested asking Jeff Thomas for ideas.

Mr. Gall said we can assign a specific email address for Kindland.

Mrs. Jurcisek mentioned the quilting club can crochet blankets to donate to people.

Mr. Haycox said we can have the senior center communicate senior's needs in person since they may not use social media.

Mr. Williams mentioned using the Council on Aging's newsletter to communicate senior's needs. He also said an initial VOV article should be done on Kindland. Themes of the month can be discussed. Our groups can advise how they want us to promote them and their volunteer needs. We can include information for school events. We can include the registration code we discussed so people may register through Kindland's website or through a link on our website.

Mrs. Nadeau mentioned that the Lyndhurst mayor is very involved in Kindland. Perhaps we can find out what Lyndhurst is doing with them.

Mrs. Washock said people can donate Halloween candy for Center Elementary's party.

Mrs. Nadeau said providing cookies to the Service Dept. employees are a nice gesture to show appreciation.

Mr. Williams thanked everyone for their great ideas and input.

Council Report and Other Matters

Mrs. Juncisek reported that The Grove restrooms project received a grant and is happening now. Also, four senior snowplowing companies have been chosen for this season. Our recent Trick or Treat Trail had to be moved indoors to the Civic Center due to weather. We had a great turnout – 175 children participated. The Halloween Window Painting Contest is happening now. Dec. 2nd Santa will be riding through the Village followed by our holiday party. Later that evening we will have our tree lighting ceremony. Dec. 7th is the Menorah lighting ceremony. Our Holiday Lighting Contest is back this year. Trick-or Treating is on Oct. 31st from 6-8 pm.

Mrs. Nadeau asked if anyone knows about a replacement tenant for the space previously occupied by CVS. Mr. Williams did not have an update.

Mr. Gall asked for an update on Progressive campus 1 and wondered if it may be torn down as is happening to the former TRW headquarters now in Lyndhurst. Mrs. Nadeau said she worked for the company that constructed the TRW building and advised that it was too dated and specialized to be used by another occupant. Mrs. Washock said the former TRW building was not being utilized by the Cleveland Clinic recently because the office jobs there became remote positions. Also, some of the wellness center programs that were there have been moved to Willoughby Hills. Mrs. Juncisek said the Progressive building can be used by other companies, such as for medical offices.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Bob Haycox

Chair, Citizens Advisory Committee