

VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES
CULTURAL AWARENESS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday October 7, 2025

7:15pm – Conference Room – Village Hall

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kathryn McCord called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Present	Absent
Kathryn McCord- Chair Ximena Atristain-Bigurra Susan Cooper Jennifer Dobbins Renee McMullen Karrie Miletic Bonnie Wurster Arlene Montanez Sandra Lahoz Jean Stone Aisia Najma	Mimi Ferlita- excused
Staff Liaison – Patrick Seger Staff Liaison – Cathy Doczekalski	Public:

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from September 4th, 2025

The commissions newest member Aisia Najma was introduced and welcomed to the commission.

The minutes from September 4, 2025, were approved. Kathryn moved to approve the minutes; Carrie seconded; voice vote: all in favor.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

Commission requested that Patrick and Cathy order salsa for the event.

Kathryn indicated that there is a new deli manager, and his name is Sergio or if he is not available ask for Carlos from Valli.

Kathryn will be picking up flowers from the Schaumburg Township Library, (Joel Beverly will be attending on behalf of the township) and Piñata from Valli's which was donated and will be delivering them to Village tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

Estella Bakery to purchase the baked goods (75 Churros) and they would need Village Credit card.

Jean is picking up Churros and Pupusas (70) from Lenos.

Arlene is picking Empanadas

Suzane picking up from Valli's

Ximena is recommending that the dance groups receive a stipend of \$200.00 per dance group.

One of the dance groups would be willing to perform 4 dances from 2 different countries. Therefore, a total of \$400.00 for this one dance group. Arlene suggests that we make this acceptance for this year's event. The acceptance was to pay Renacer Bolinano \$400 as they will be performing 4 dances representing 2 countries. A motion for approval was Kathryn seconded by Bonnie and all commission members were in favor.

The Holy Arch Angels International group which will be performing at 3:00 p.m. will perform for free.

The commission agreed to provide a flyer indicating the Know Your Rights which will be printed out and placed on the registration table along with the table in the front hallway of Village Hall. Bonnie made the motion to hand out the Know Your Rights information and seconded by Kathryn and all the commission members agreed.

The commission members would be asked to be here at 12 noon to set up. For those picking food up should be picking food up between 12:30 and 1:00 p.m.

Ximena will be bringing the banner and Cathy will provide the flags that will be placed in the centerpieces. Also, we will need to hang flags in the room.

Between Ximena, Sandra and Arlene will introduce and welcome the guests and then the Mayor. They will also thank everyone including the commission. It was suggested to introduce the commission members in the beginning of the program. Ximena will welcome attendees and list the commission members then Renee is going to speak about the CHIPP program and then Ximena will introduce Mayor.

Carrie indicated that she will be at the event and will help wherever needed. Aisia also indicating that she will help out wherever needed. Jean suggested that we bring 3x5 sized cards so we can complete for menu items at the cookline.

Demetrius Gibson who was recognized as a guest to the meeting called the commission regarding township D and I Commission to help out if there is a funding shortfall. He mentioned that their mission is to partner with organizations. It was discussed to do something for part of the community.

MLK Breakfast - January 19, 2026.

One Choir is available. Last time they were paid \$1000, however, they needed \$2,000 to perform for next year. Kathryn indicated that that would be over budget and decided to let them know we can't do it. Kathryn also looked at other options and suggested Holy Arch Angels Choir and would be willing to do the event for \$500.00. The speaker will be Tony Bradburn for \$250. Demetrius will be asked if he would be willing to MC the MLK Jr. Kathryn to contact Demetrius. Also, the benediction and Invocation will be performed by Pastor Ken Fields, and Pastor Brandon Lowery. Kathryn made a motion for the MLK Jr. breakfast entertainment that was approved as presented by Kathryn and seconded by Renee and all commission members. Commission members will be asked to be at the event at 6:30 a.m.

Black History Month - February 21, 2026. 2 to 4:30 PM.

Funk Brothers and the Hoffman High School's Orange Krush Majorettes agreed to participate, and Speaker Cheb Blackshere also agreed. The commission discussed proposal. Bonnie suggested that Ric Lockhart might be another option. It was agreed to have a motion made to consider Ric Lochart as a speaker. Bonnie made the motion. No second voiced and motion died on floor. Kathryn made a motion for the speaker to be Cheb Blackshere and a second was made by Renee and all were in favor. The Hoffman High School Orange Crush Majorettes were also recommended, and all commission members were in favor. Door opens at 1:30 and commission members are asked to be at event by 12:30.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Kathryn asked if we can determine the next Unity Day event. It was proposed to have the event on May 30, 2026. A motion was made by Ximena and seconded by Sandra. All in favor.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Kathryn and seconded by Ximena to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote: all in favor. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 PM.

Minutes submitted by Patrick J. Seger, Commission Liaison

The next meeting of the Cultural Awareness Commission will be on Tuesday, November 4th, 2025