

VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES  
CULTURAL AWARENESS COMMISSION Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday December 2, 2025

7:18pm – Conference Room – Village Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL

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

Renee McMullen moved to approve remote participation for today's meeting; Jean Stone seconded; Voice Vote: All in favor. Motion passed.

Present

Kathryn McCord – Chair – Remote via Zoom  
Mimi Ferlita - remote  
Bonnie Wurster - remote  
Susan Cooper  
Renee McMullen  
Arlene Montanez  
Jean Stone  
Karrie Miletic  
Aisha Najma

Absent

Jennifer Dobbins -excused  
Sandra Lahoz - excused  
Ximena Atristain-Bigurra - unexcused

Staff Liaison – Patrick Seger  
Staff Liaison – Cathy Doczekalski

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2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from Nov 11th, 2025

The minutes from November 11, 2025, were approved. Karrie Miletic moved to approve the minutes; Kathryn McCord seconded; Voice Vote: All in favor. Motion passed.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS-None

4. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT-Discussed in Old/New Business.

5. STAFF LIAISON'S REPORT- Discussed in Old/New Business.

6. OLD BUSINESS

**MLK Breakfast** - January 19, 2026, 8:00 AM – 10:30 AM.

Kathryn asked Patrick to include on the check to Holy Archangels in the memo section of the check "Choir Ministry".

Patrick was looking to get the contract signed with the Holy Archangels this week.

Patrick will get to Kathryn the table count for the flowers.

Commissioners are to gather for MLK Breakfast by 7:00 A.M.

**2026 Black History Month** - February 21, 2026, 2:00 to 4:30 PM.

Kathryn asked the commissioners if they received the schedule she sent out today? The group acknowledged they had.

Kathryn asked Renee if the Delta's wanted to do the CHIP Program again. Renee acknowledged they would.

Jean stated the CHIP Program must be put out there better next year.

Please add to next years flyer that the event is "FREE" because people are asking how much are the tickets.

We are in agreement the dinner will be Jewel fried chicken with the cookies for dessert instead of cake.

Jean will ask the AKA's if they will be joining us to help.

Renee confirmed the Delta's would be there.

Bonnie will order banners.

Bonnie asked for future reference could we please limit the speakers to 10 minutes because they will run 15 anyway. There was much discussion. We will reconsider in future events depending on who is speaking. Kathryn stated the MLK speaker asked to speak for 45 minutes.

**2026 Unity Day** – Saturday, May 30, 2026.

Kathryn is reaching out to others.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

Jean asked when we have time to review what is posted on the Villages website regarding the Cultural Awareness Commission. Jeaned noted what is posted is not our Mission statement. This is what's on the website:

The Cultural Awareness Commission develops services that will assist new residents of the community meeting practical problems and adjusting to the changing circumstances. Commission activities are intended to decrease the sense of isolation and loneliness that may

affect all residents who are new to the community by enriching the social and intellectual life of all residents through educational and social programs. The commission organizes the interests of the ethnically diverse community to improve the climate of living and provide information and referrals and makes recommendations regarding problems and issues affecting a culturally diverse community.

The Cultural Awareness Commission hosts the following annual events:

- [Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast](#)
- [Black History Month Celebration](#)
- [Unity Day Festival of Cultures](#)
- [Hispanic Heritage Day Fiesta](#)

Patrick will ask Hallie to send the Mission statement to everyone. Hallie indeed sent the above statement.

Cultural Awareness Commission's Mission Statement we wrote and voted on was:

"Raise community awareness by recognizing and embracing cultural diversity and by promoting relationships to enrich the community"

#### 8. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS.

Kathryn offered everyone Happy Holiday Season

#### 9. ADJOURNMENT

Kathryn moved to adjourn the meeting; Bonnie seconded; Voice Vote: All in favor. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Minutes submitted by Bonnie Wurser, Cultural Awareness Commissioner

The next meeting of the Cultural Awareness Commission will be on Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Patrick will be in Florida.