

VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES
CULTURAL AWARENESS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday March 3rd, 2026

7:15pm – Conference Room – Village Hall

I. CALL TO ORDER

A motion was made by Jean and seconded by Renee to approve remote participation. Motion passed; all in favor.

Chair Kathryn McCord called the meeting to order at 7:25 PM.

A motion was made to accept the remote participation, Kathryn made a motion to approve and seconded by Jennifer and all were in favor.

II. ROLL CALL

Present	Absent
Kathryn McCord- Chair - Susan Cooper Jennifer Dobbins Mimi Ferlita (remote) Renee McMullen(remote) Karrie Miletic (remote) Arlene Montanez Bonnie Wurster (remote) Sandra Lahoz	Saif Sultan – excused Aisha Najma -excused Jean Stone - excused Ximena - unexcused
Staff Liaison – Patrick Seger Staff Liaison – Cathy Doczekalski	

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from February 3, 2026.

Kathryn moved to approve the minutes; Jennifer seconded; voice vote: all in favor. The minutes from February 3, 2026, were approved.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

V. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Kathryn indicated that she would like for the commission to discuss the 2027 budget via events and line items.

VI. STAFF REPORT

None

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Black History Month

Kathryn indicated that the event was successful and that the Funk Brotherz did an excellent job. Arlene felt that not enough people attended the event. Mimi indicated that perhaps the time of the day on Saturday was one of the reasons that the attendance was lower. Perhaps the event starts at 12 noon. Mimi also felt that not many children attended the event. Arlene mentioned that the library craft table did not have many children participating. Kathryn felt that the flyer and program design were excellent and she wanted an updated flyer for Unity Day. Cathy will work with Hallie on a new design. Renee indicated that her friends that attended the event said they felt the program was successful.

Unity Day – Saturday May 30, 2026, 12 PM to 3:30 PM

Entertainment - will consist of Edizon Dayao, Korean Performing Art Youth Ensemble, Academy of Irish Music, the Martin Lopez Academy, the Ukrainian Cossacks group as well as the India Bollywood group.

Food menu - The food menu will be Italian meatballs, Greek chicken, guacamole and chips, Fried Rice, Polish Kaloskis, Tree Laces, spring rolls, Greek Chicken, and Samosas.

Kathryn said two crafts will be available for the Children – one from the Schaumburg Township Library and one from the Hoffman Estates Park District. Both organizations have agreed to participate.

Hispanic Heritage Day – October 10, 2026

Sandra was asked if she had any updates regarding the Hispanic Heritage Celebration and she indicated that she had no report at this time. Kathryn suggested that she should contact Ximena to begin to organize event. News article will be due at the June meeting.

Kathryn made a motion, seconded by Suan Cooper to ask the Mayor for a Certificate of Appreciation for Patrick Seger as he is retiring in May. All were in favor and the motion passed.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Arlene and seconded by Kathryn to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote: all in favor. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Minutes submitted by Patrick J. Seger on March 3, 2026

The next meeting of the Cultural Awareness Commission

will be on Tuesday, April 7, 2026