

VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES
CULTURAL AWARENESS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 5th, 2026

7:15pm – Conference Room – Village Hall

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kathryn McCord called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Present	Absent
Kathryn McCord- Chair Jennifer Dobbins Mimi Ferlita Renee McMullen Karrie Miletic Arlene Montanez Bonnie Wurster Jean Stone Susan Cooper Aisha Najma	Sandra Lahoz – excused Ximena -excused Maarten Tonneyck - excused
Staff Liaison – Patrick Seger Staff Liaison – Cathy Doczekalski	Guest- Adelita Molina-Zeier Mayor Bill McLeod

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from April 7, 2026.

Kathryn moved to approve the minutes; Bonnie seconded; voice vote: all in favor. Minutes approved.

Motion was made by Arlen to reopen minutes which were previous approved. Seconded by Kahtryn, all in favor to reopen minutes.

Motion to correct the GFWCNW Suburban women’s Club made by Kahtry seconded by Arlene. Also, a motion by Karie for the correction of spelling of her name and Joels name in minutes. Second, Kathryn and all members were in favor. Correction Karie and Joel spelling of first names.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Special Guest Bil McLeod – Recognizing the commission and the good work and appreciation from the Mayor and Village Board. Thanking Patrick for 21 years of service. Cathy will be taking over upon Patrick's retirement as of May 15, 2026. Patrick was presented with a certificate of appreciation.

VI. STAFF REPORT

None

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Unity Day – Saturday, May 30, 2026, 12:00 PM to 3:30 PM

CAC meet at 10:30 AM SHARP! Doors open at 11:30 AM

If an issue arises, please call Kathryn on her cell phone: 847-208-6033.

CAC Participation:

Set-Up – Jennifer, Aisha, Bonnie, Maarten, Suzane

Kitchen – Mimi, Ximena

Children's Craft – Carrie

Registration – Renee

Maybe in Attendance – Arlene, Jean

Food Pickup

Patrick/Cathy– Sam's Club - Tortilla Chips, Water, Pop, Plates, Utensils

Kathryn – Friday 5/29 – Flowers & Polish Kolaczki

Ximena – Saturday 10 AM – Tres Leches Cake - Estrellos

Ximena – Saturday 10:30 AM – Samosas

Renee – Saturday 11 AM Valli Produce - Guacamole & Spring Rolls

Restaurant Delivery - Italian Meatballs (Garibaldis) Greek Chicken (QP Greek), and Fried Rice (Fortune house)

Cathy suggested that some of the hot foods be placed in half pans due to heating space being limited. Kathryn to ask Steve and Chris – Meatballs and Chicken to be placed in half pans.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Kathryn provided Ximena the flyer from the NW Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for future entertainment. Arlene requested that the commission provide names of children that may be in need of supplies. The supplies are coordinated by the Iglesia Restauracion. By Paster Petro Gomez. Commission members are to provide names of children/family to Arlene via text by the end of next week. May 30, 2026. Flamenco dancers were considered unable to participate because of the tile carpeting. Patrick suggested that if the Unity Day event was moved to a larger location due to the popularity of the event, the NOW arena concourse stage would work well and provide a hard service.

Kathryn asked the commission for those who would be willing to work with Ximena on the Hispanic Heritage event and Jean volunteered as well as Kathryn and Arlene. The event is Saturday October 10, 2026.

Kathrn asked commission to research Gospel Choirs and report out at the next meeting. Booking these groups is very important sooner than later.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made Kathryn and seconded Bonnie to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote: all in favor. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Patrick Seger May 5, 2026

The next meeting of the Cultural Awareness Commission

will be on Tuesday, June 2, 2026