Meeting came to order at 7:08 p.m.

Present: Mirah Anti, Alan Baruch, Loren Rivkin, Chris Goodson, Joel Seeskin, Hazel Herzog, Jake Kraemer, Debbie Serota, Alyson Feiger, Christine Digrazia, Ellyce Rumick, Suzan Hawkinson, Graham Ambrose, Gale Gand, Dan Shapiro, Katie Bittner, Niki Antonakos, Jean Spagnoli, Ken Abosch, Rick Patinkin, Jeff Nehila

Absent: Richard Shay

August 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes Review
The committee reviewed the August 27, 2020 Mitchell Park Advisory Committee. Recommended changes will be incorporated into the minutes.

Introduction of New Member
Executive Director Nehila welcomed Mirah Anti to the committee. Mirah provided a brief introduction of herself.

Recap of Naming Options and Other Ways to Honor James Mitchell
Director Nehila reminded the committee that the three objectives of the committee are to come up with a name for the park, determine another way to honor James Mitchell and develop/expand the education of the issue. He reported that the top three potential names for Mitchell Park by sheer votes were Beverly, Floral and Potawatomi and then some single name ideas suggested were Milgram Floral Park and Tracey Park. Some of the comments from the last meeting were disagreements about the park being renamed. The park board did make the decision to rename the park so instead of going backwards the committee needs to move forward with the renaming.

Loren commented that there is a secondary part that’s been part of the discussion and that’s related to the pool. Many people have had the position that you can’t take the name off one without taking it off the other. And how does that fit when similarly, the board’s decision was very explicit, and could the same logic apply that that decision has been made and that’s not the purview of the group. Because it’s continued to percolate, Loren wanted to address it again as we talk about what we are doing or not doing. Director Nehila responded that if the committee came up some options to change the park and the pool’s name that may be an option the board may consider. President Patinkin commented that this is an advisory committee and is going to provide the board with its recommendation and the board will vote on it. There is no reason we can’t do what our hearts feel about this. He stated that he can’t speak for the entire board but sees no harm in moving forward with our recommendation. Loren responded that his take-away was that the board did not want to visit that again. President Patinkin stated that it an amendment to the motion. Chris commented that he feels that the committee doesn’t need to perceive how it’s going to be taken up by the park board itself if the committee comes to a consensus. The committee should come up with whatever recommendation they feel is appropriate and the board can vote on it. Dan asked if the motion was to not rename the pool or to not consider it at this time. President Patinkin responded that the motion that was passed was to not rename the pool. However, this is an advisory committee and can make whatever recommendations it want to the board. Loren
commented that his point on that is that if we are an advisory committee, that the voices who question whether the name should be changed at all, may be then viable whether we all agree with it or not, it similarly could be the advice from the committee if that’s what we bring to the board. Director Nehila commented that objectives number 1 and 2 are intertwined based on the discussion. The name of the park is going to change and the committee could certainly recommend consideration for the pool’s name. He is tying objectives 1 and 2 together as far as ways to honor James Mitchell because that was another subject of debate. A lot of people said leave the name of the pool and a lot of people said they should go together. There could be 2 separate options for the board to consider. One with the pool name change and one without it. If it’s with the pool changing that should tie into the consideration of other ways to honor James Mitchell as the Mitchell name goes away. He feels most people are in agreement that the Mitchell name should be part of the district in some form or fashion. For instance, there was mention of naming a building or some other location after him. He would recommend coming up with some additional considerations. As Rick explained about the motion, it was a clarification and amendment of the motion to keep the pool the same name. Director Nehila thinks that if the committee comes up with versions or options so that he can create a survey and send to the committee, the committee can prioritize their options for naming the park, naming the pool and naming another building or facility. He might be able to develop those questions and tweak them at the next meeting to finalize the survey.

Gale mentioned that she would like to hear Suzan’s ideas for naming the park more of an adjective or noun versus a proper noun. Jean mentioned that she took the Potawatomi suggestion and did some research and found a Potawatomi word that refers to the tribal leaders who kept the tribal society in balance, the Midewin. Ellyce expressed concern about selecting an Indian name when there has been a controversy over sports teams etc. with Indian names. Ellyce commented that Donald Trump has done a lot for black people, by providing jobs and millions of dollars in college scholarships, so name the park Trump Park.

President Patinkin commented that he was thinking about aspirational thoughts. He showed a book named One Love taken off of the Bob Marley song. It’s about a little girl that gets her community together to build a park and at the end of the book the park is named One Love. He commented it’s a little touchy feely for him but it’s a pretty cool idea. He also commented that he likes the name Potawatomi and the use of the Potawatomi words. It goes back to all of our roots.

Chris suggested everyone get a turn to express their ideas about the 3 topics.

Hazel commented that she favors Beverly Park. She would like to see the pool name changed as well and something else named for James Mitchell.

Gale commented that she spoke with the Beverly children to find out how they would feel about having the park named after them. They are fine with it. She appreciates them and the struggle they went through and the risk they took moving here. She also likes Potawatomi. She contacted some tribal people to find out if that would be respectful. She was wondering if we should involve Deerfield High School students to rename the park. She feels that both the park and pool need to be renamed. She also feels that James Mitchell would be better honored elsewhere in the village. Director Nehila stated that
the Mitchell boys do not share the sentiment that the name of the park or pool should be changed. They do not know that there is discussion to name something else for their dad.

Jean commented that the historical society felt that the park should not be named after another person. The historical society likes the Potawatomi name Midewin. The majority of the group is livid that his name is being taken off the park, especially the older members that know the history. They feel like it’s demoting him. They have even changed their minds about the Floral Park name, now the group is split.

Alyson commented that she would have no issue using the Beverly Park but that she also like Jean’s suggestion of Midewin. She feels that the majority of the community probably believes we are changing both the park and pool names and would be disappointed if we didn’t.

Jake commented that he likes a lot of the suggestions. He feels there is value in naming it after an individual. He feels that it helps people today ponder their contributions and legacy in connection to their community. It’s relatively unique that we name something after such a localized contribution. By naming it something broad we might miss out on an opportunity. He likes the Potawatomi ideas and would be interested in learning more. The one thing he would have a question about is because whatever we do with respect to taking James Mitchell’s name off the park is definitely linked to what happened in our community in 1959. Not to say that this land was not connected to the Potawatomi people and their not important to our history but to him it feels like we are avoiding the issue at hand and this seems like we are not hitting the nail on the head and addressing it straight on, not that that’s what we are doing, he just wants to put that idea in everyone’s mind. It is important to recognize the very first people to occupy the land but feels this tract of land is more connected to 1959. Overall, he is not set one way and likes hearing all the ideas.

Dan commented that he agrees with what Jake said. The reason we are all here is because of where we are at the moment regarding racial inequality in our history. He would look favorable at Beverly Community Park and if we are going to rename the pool perhaps, we consider Floral Pool. These names come from the history as to why we are here and why there was a vote in the first place to remove James Michell’s name from the park.

Niki stated that she thinks Jake spoke very well as to the reason why the name can help us to ponder the site. She also stated that she appreciates Dan’s comment about this moment in time, this moment in history. As a history teacher that just taught this, the insights when we focus in on a time period or our locality or a moment in the town’s history comes to life to students. Using a specific name can help us to uncover all these different layers of the importance of individual’s action and the importance of groups helping those individuals to make change. That is representative of why a name change needs to be made. She did survey her students out of curiosity. Some of the students were resistant about changing the name, some felt that we should honor Milgram somehow and the name Beverly came up a lot too. She was thinking about the idea of honoring Mitchell. She was able to teach her students more about how this suburb was planned and the green spaces that are in the suburb. She didn’t know about that very specific planning behind it. The students are studying how the City of Chicago is segregated and how the suburbs could have the decision to say no you can’t come here but also to see how planning happens and how local government is so important. She wanted the students to understand that Deerfield is a great place to live because of all the amenities and assets that are here including the parks. She feels the park board wants the community to understand what James Mitchell is very responsible for. We need to find a way to honor that and tell that story and a pool just doesn’t do that. The kids
need to know about Mitchell in a different way. We need to honor him historically and his role and also honor the 1959 and beyond history of the town. Her recommendation is that we change the name of the park and pool and find another way to honor him. She would be in favor of putting up a display which shows the extent of Mitchell’s plan.

Graham commented that so many of the suggestions are great. He has been thinking about how we can balance the contrasting goals. We have seen in our community that there is a lot of contrasting views on this. A great way we can do a lot of these things is through some type a memorial, a monument, or combination such as a public art installation at the park and pool. There’s a tremendous precedent for this all over. We could get a local artist to create a memorial or a permanent display that explicitly says the history on a plaque and that also acknowledges multiple interests change over time and this is how we feel about it today. This could be a great way to talk about the history of parks, green spaces and amenities in Deerfield while acknowledging that these spaces haven’t always been open to everyone. In terms of specific names, he thinks all the suggestions are great. In speaking to D109, they are advocating for the Beverley family. Floral Park is also a great name to honor the history and ties into what happened in 1959. It was mentioned that we could have some type of naming contest in the schools, this would be a great way to get community buy in. We should also be talking to our friends and family about it to increase community buy in.

Ken commented that the revelation he got to through the dialog of the last meeting is the importance of separating out the property from the person. A lot of what this boils down to is the Mitchell name in relationship to Mitchell Park is a tarnished proposition because of the history. Logically if we are removing the name from the park it should be removed from the pool because the pool is still on the same property where all of this occurred. He wouldn’t understand the logic in keeping the name on the pool and removing it from the park. When he came to the last meeting he was focusing more on a conceptual name for the park. What kind of lofty ideal name could we associate for the park. He felt that the committee thought that was too ambitious and that the community of Deerfield didn’t live up to the idea yet of Diversity Park or Freedom Park and that might be somewhat hypocritical. He has moved on from the notion of a concept and more to what he thinks the core of this is. We are basically trying to unravel history by removing Mitchell from the name of this park. If that’s what we are trying to do, it would seem logical that it would go back to what it was called before Mitchell Park and at the time it was Floral Park. He thinks a lot people might not even know it was Floral Park and that may be a good thing and will get people asking why that got selected. The skeptic in him says if we are considering something indigenous for the park, why stop there, why not just go back to the name of the village and call it Potawatomi Village instead of Deerfield. At some point you have to figure out what the parameters are and how far to go with it. Floral Park is a good way to go back and say that is what it was called and the reestablishing the history around that. His suggestion for honoring Mitchell, since Mitchell made a monumental contribution to this community and the park district, would be to name the park district James Mitchell Deerfield Park District or something along those lines as opposed to a building. If he really created this master plan, including family days and all the different properties around the village and he should be honored in a grand way.

Joel commented that Potawatomi Park misses the mark for him. He stated that the reason the committee is here is because of current events going on in our country. The board took this up 5 years
ago and voted to not change the name. Potawatomi doesn’t really speak to what is happening today. He commented that getting the children involved is an interesting idea and he’d be interested in exploring that. He also stated that he doesn’t see how we take the name off the park but not the pool.

Suzan commented that it seems really important to her to remember why we are here to rename the park. A lot of our attention has been drawn to the individual contributions of people which was originally the intention of naming it Mitchel Park and there certainly are a lot of other people who might have been remembered and those you might try to bring back as a different name. The reason that the renaming of the park come up is because there’s a grievance, a wound. The naming needs to be responsive to the wound that has been identified because the community itself has recognized something that the current world energy and world view has brought it to repentance. There is something that happened in the events of 1959 that this community wants to turn away from and towards a higher name. Ever contributor, all the names that are being considered, Beverly and Milgram, show that individual contributions could be pointed in a different direction. It seems that the name also has to reflect a turning towards something else. The reality is that in 2020 the racial diversity of the village is almost the same as it was in 1959. She still thinks about the need to be aspirational. The question is where exactly do we want to put a stake in the ground in what we’ve learned? Is it just about remembering the past or what the past has taught us we value in the present? That doesn’t help with a name. She thinks the push and pull is the place that the name is going to be found rather than seeking a majority point of view. She stated that she has had a conversation with Dave Mitchell and is not sure if all the brothers are unanimous. Some of them don’t want to have their dad’s name tarnished with current view of what’s happening with the parks. In that conversation, Dave mentioned that inside the property there’s a road that is named after Mrs. Mitchell that was done during the naming of the park.

Chris commented that he appreciates everyone’s thoughtful contributions and trying to build as much consensus as possible. As a spouse of an educator he can appreciate getting the children involved but he feels that it is our role as a committee, in a representative capacity, and that we shouldn’t delegate our responsibility. The committee has all done their homework, but the school children aren’t going to have the same exposure, so the popular vote of D109 and D113 students isn’t the ideal way to solve this. He said it’s very problematic to name something after an individual because in 2020 we have seen historic figures where their true lives have come to pass and have seen that they have done great things and awful things. He appreciates what the Beverly’s endured but for him it is still problematic to name it after a person. The Potawatomi issue, he thinks in today’s environment we can’t look past what 2020 means and what the driving force was in 1959. We have hit head on what happened in 1959. What we need is a name that is going to be thought provoking and invite people to inquire the reason for doing that. He suggested Progressive or Progress Park. He feels the pool should have the same name as the park. It doesn’t make sense to split them apart and we could certainly recommend to the park board the park and pool get the same name. For him Progress is thought provoking in two ways. One it is linked to what was supposed to be there, but for. And it also invites a discussion which is exactly what we are trying to do, we are trying to make progress for Deerfield and right a wrong and trying to move forward in Deerfield. One related topic in giving Mr. Mitchell his due is creating an educational facility and have a plaque with a QR code where people could go to hear all the viewpoints related to the issue. Then maybe on site have a museum that could house the key documents and where the stories are told. It could include video clips from people that have personal recollections of what was done at the time.
Obviously, the Social Studies departments of D109 and D113 interweaving the town’s history into their educational program is wise. All of this is well and good but to make a real difference in the lives of real people today, he would invite, in addition to the archiving issue and renaming issue, to partner with other communities that do not have access to safety, to a phenomenal educational system and to phenomenal parks and all of the things that feed into our successes and our children’s successes. If we really want to make a difference, we really need to seize the day and partner with an underprivileged community. The Potawatomi name might draw improper inference and take away from what we are trying to accomplish.

Director Nehila commented that in speaking to some of the Mitchell family, they were concerned about the reflection of what the name would be.

Christine commented that she is thinking about an aspirational name like Crossroads Park or Turning Point Park to challenge us. 2020 Park is a name that could signify a new beginning. She agrees that the name needs to come off of the pool as well.

Alan commented that he appreciates hearing the perspectives from everyone. He has a difficult time drawing a connection to the name Potawatomi. He likes the names Floral and Beverly. He sees more of a connection to what happened at the time with Beverly. He sees the benefit of having an informational stand at the park. He leans towards removing the Mitchell name from the pool but sees the value of having the name somewhere else in the park district. He is in full support and agreement with the points that Niki started off with as well.

Ellyce commented that it is sad for his children that people want to change the name. It doesn’t make sense to take his name down. The name Potawatomi will bring problems. If it had to be changed to something, she likes naming the whole park after her daughter Tracey. She also likes Fitness Family Park and Independence Park isn’t bad. He did a world of good for the community. The opposition took the case to the Supreme Court and it ruled that the park district didn’t do anything wrong. We need to respect history; it tells a story. We can’t just cover up things with another name. It should be left as is. No one thought about it being wrong for 50+ years. She thinks it is hurtful to family. If the park board has already decided, we are wasting our time, but she hopes they will do the right thing for everybody. Putting up a plaque in the park is acknowledging that he did something great. She thinks it is just stupid to change the name. Time will tell who comes out on top.

Loren commented that he wasn’t as successful as Gale in researching the Native American history of the land. Potawatomi and a couple other tribes were mentioned. Jake’s comment about the name Potawatomi missing the mark helped formalize it for him. If we are talking about an educational component and more history of Deerfield, then maybe that incorporates the Native American people that were here into the school curriculum if it’s not already. That would be a better way to address that. To clarify he feels that the name of the park and pool are tied together. It’s important for continuity that the name of the park and pool are the same. He thinks having two separate names for the park and pool would be confusing. He came into this meeting, believing Floral was the best idea as it would have been the name had the park district not intervened. He thinks the idea of recognizing that is important. He isn’t a fan of naming it after an individual but if that is what’s going to be considered than Beverly is
duly worthy of the honor as well. He feels that perhaps Floral and Beverly are going to be the committee’s leading candidates. He likes the idea of having a plaque giving Mitchell credit for the planning and vision he had here. Loren stated that he would advocate for the administrative building to be named after James Mitchell. That is where decisions are made, where things happen and where the leadership and vision for the park district would come from. He thinks that an appropriate way to recognize his contributions, might be to name the building for him, separating the man from the park where things happened but recognizing his contributions to the community. Either there or another free-standing historical place where you can tell the history and what James Mitchell did and the plan he had and give him the recognition he deserves.

Debbie commented that it is important to make a distinction about why Redskin and Potawatomi are different. Redskin is a racial slur and Potawatomi is the name of the people who lived in this land. Those are two very different things. When we talk about what a land acknowledgement is and what the purpose of a land acknowledgment is, one of the reasons is to acknowledge whose land was stolen, who lived here. The other purpose is to make sure we remember that indigenous people are not just people of the past, indigenous people are current, it’s not just history. When we talk about what happened, and that Potawatomi is too far back, it’s more important to bring that name back. She would be a little cautious about some of the names mentioned by Jean. She worries about the unintended consequences of people mispronouncing the words. She has been thinking about the name Beverly, it came to mind about people asking who were the Beverley’s? The first answer is they were the first African American homeowners in Deerfield, but we know that’s not true, another family had lived here but left. More accurately we could say the Beverly’s were the first African American family to live here a long time. Her concern is that it feels a little like tokenism. This community was not friendly to black families and this community still is not friendly to black families. She has concerns it tokenizes that family. She is also on a newly formed D109 advisory board and D109 is considering renaming Kipling School for the Beverly’s. She is wondering to that point, if that is a better place since they were both educators, instead of naming the park for them just because they lived here. She agrees that the park and pool should both be renamed; they are one in the same. In terms of honoring James Mitchell, she had mentioned naming the park district building after him, but we don’t know what his motives were. There is no way for us to know that. Now when we talk about what racism is, many people acknowledge that white supremacy culture is also part of that. You don’t have to be the one actively saying no but you need to be anti-racist. We know that he was not that. We can all agree that his name is very polarizing in connection to that property. It’s safe to say that the people that live in Deerfield absolutely are affected. Deerfield is a wonderful place to live but it’s important to make clear who it’s wonderful for. It’s not a wonderful place for black, indigenous people of color. It’s a wonderful place for white people to live because of the contributions that he made to the parks. Separating him from this site and maybe focus on naming the park district building for him.

Katie commented that she knows the D109 teachers want the park named Beverly. She echoes what other committee members said that both the park and pool names should be changed. She feels that the park should be named after an individual, unless we really come up with a good word. She thinks it would be great to get the students involved but it would probably take too much time. The educational component is the most important part. How are we going to continuing teaching the story so the children growing up here know the story. We need to look at what happened in our community and how
we move forward. How we move forward is the most important thing especially with what is going on in our country right now.

Mirah commented that this is democracy, that is the practice that is so needed right now. It’s nice just to listen and be part of something that has quite a lot of traction and a lot of history. She thinks that it not that we want to unravel history, but we want to understand it. The name she would recommend isn’t very profound but the reason is better. She would challenge that this hurts the people that lived in Deerfield, 1959 happened to everybody there. This hurts white people too. It’s not about just keeping people of color out of the community, but it hurt the children of Deerfield that grew up without integration. It’s hard to call a place wonderful and a school good when they are still very segregated. She gets that there are beautiful parks, etc. but she’s arguing in a real philosophical level. We get pacified thinking that it’s good for some. She likes Future Park because it’s so generic at the same time it holds promise. She thinks about the people that will occupy it and they are in the future. Part of our problem is that we don’t use the past to help us understand where we are going. That name would make it aspirational. She does agree with tokenism and with the Beverly’s she worries that we are doing the same thing over again with an individual and practicing that pattern. She thinks the park and pool should both be renamed. It seems like a copout and doesn’t make sense to not change both. Strategy is important. The board has said they don’t know about a name but are going to change it. There’s a bunch of people trying to be thoughtful and participating in that. That’s the story. The kernel for her is that no one is one thing. If he was a great city planner and a great father and promoted racist policies, then we turn to what he did do for Deerfield that is part of the legacy we can be proud of. That’s a great way to show how complex we are and how complex Deerfield is.

President Patinkin commented that there are a couple of park board members that have no interest in naming the park after another individual. Rick will make no name recommendations because the committee is doing a great job. He thinks we should make no little plans. He doesn’t want the museum idea to go away. The Historical Society needs a place to call home. No disrespect to Niki or Mirah, but he’s very disappointed D113 didn’t send a board member because he is going to reiterate his desire that every body politic in this community consider putting money in a budget that can be used by the Historical Society and for everything we are doing in order to educate this community and the Chicago area as a whole about segregation, systematic racism, city planning and all sorts of things could go into this. Let’s make no little plans. Let’s do this right. He would love for Niki and Mirah to go back to the D113 board and tell them we’d like to have them on board. President Patinkin stated that he is speaking on his behalf not the rest of the board. He commented that the committee members are great and he appreciates all of their input and we are going to do something good.

Director Nehila thanked everyone for sharing and commented that discussion leads to more discussion but it’s very thought provoking.

Suzan mentioned three new names she just came up with Vision Park, Promise Park and Just Mercy Park. No matter what we are talking about it’s about how people are received.

Chris suggested starting the next meeting by determining if there is a consensus vote on if the committee wants to pick an individual name or an aspirational name.
Director Nehila stated that the committee’s position is that the park and pool are a package deal. He’s also heard little opposition and maybe some favoritism about naming something else for James Mitchell. He’s compiling this information to report on the topics and progress of discussion at the September 17 board meeting. It might be really advantageous for the committee to come to a consensus for each of those.

Mirah asked if it was the park board that would decide about the pool. Director Nehila responded that since the first meeting the subject of pool and park has filtered up as committee members thought they should be a package deal. It’s a contingency the park board will have to consider. He doesn’t want to limit the committees’ vision as far as a recommendation. Mirah commented that it seemed like the pool was off the table. Gale stated that the committee is anticipating the pool name will be a community consensus. Mirah commented that if this group wants to have a say in the name, she’s hearing pretty loudly that naming it after a person isn’t going to work. She feels like we have to play out this moment where people agree.

Ellyce suggested having the Mitchell boys be part of a meeting so the committee can hear their feelings. Suzan stated that she had conversation with them about them having input as to what their father’s name might be used for. Suzan asked if it would be beneficial for the group for them to go through her. Their interest will be different than what the committee’s interest is right now. Debbie commented that maybe they could write a letter because she would be interested in what they have to say. Suzan will be happy to mediate or find out if they want to write a letter. Ellyce stated that we owe James Mitchell something for all the parks. Loren stated that the committee is addressing the honoring of James Mitchell as a part of its responsibilities. We are making a change because that’s what the community is asking for, but we are recognizing his contributions, but we are doing it this way as an alternative. It’s how the message is delivered. President Patinkin commented that the Mitchell’s are fully informed about what is going on and can write letters and submit whatever they want to the park board through public comment if they choose to. They are not part of this committee. Director Nehila commented that he was waiting to contact the Mitchell’s when there were thoughts to share. Suzan stated that her conversations with them have been informal just because of friendship. She just wanted Director Nehila to know if that would be valuable to the committee.

Director Nehila would like the committee to hear about the educational processes that are going on now. It’s interesting that some of the emails received by people in their 20’s that commented that they didn’t have any knowledge of the history of Mitchell Park and the integration issue. It’s imperative to hear what the schools are doing so we can create parallels for the community-wide education. One commonality that has come up is the idea of using one of the two homes for a museum. There are some logistical challenges with meeting ADA requirements, and we are currently renting the homes so it wouldn’t be able to be done until their leases are up. This could be one of those continuing points of education. It could be a highlight of what Mitchell’s work was but all the things that might not get included in the name. These discussion points will be brought to the park board.

Director Nehila asked the committee to contact him in the next week or two if they have any additional thoughts or any firm ideas as far as what their overall preferences are for a name and if they feel strongly about changing the name of the park and pool at the same time.
Niki asked if the committee would talk about the many different pieces that we want all school children to learn and on what level. Director Nehila responded that a lot of people don’t know what is being taught and it’s important for the committee to hear.

Loren asked if Director Nehila would send out the results of the committee responses. Director Nehila responded that he will send out a tally sheet prior to the next meeting.

Ellyce asked about putting something in the Deerfield Review to ask the community for their name suggestions. Director Nehila responded that he is concerned that if we make this any bigger the goal won’t get accomplished. Debbie commented that the community could send an email with their name suggestions in for the public comment portion of the meeting. Director Nehila responded that the community has the opportunity to do that for every meeting.

Gale commented that she wants to make sure that there are appropriate methods for teaching the history at the elementary level. Director Nehila responded that he will ask Katie to provide the information that is currently being taught at the elementary level.

**Next Meeting’s Date and Subjects for Action/Discussion**
Jeff polled the committee for their availability on Thursday, October 8. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

**Matters from the Public**
There were no matters from the public.

The being no further discussion, meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.