

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF DELANO**  
**Spirit of Community Commission**  
**Tuesday, February 11, 2020**  
**7:00 PM**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by vice chair Becky Schaust.

Present: Janell Gildemeister, Theresa Green, Joe Kittok, Chad Kestner, Molly Fleming Nick Neaton, Sarah Grosshuesch, Diane Johnson

**2. Minutes**

A. January 14, 2020

On a motion by Diane, seconded by Theresa, the commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

**3. Additions to the Agenda**

**4. Icebreaker Question**

Members shared recent examples they have seen of the “spirit of community.”

**5. Order of Business**

A. Membership update

Theresa Green was accepted for a second term. New member Jennifer Slipka introduced herself. She is starting her first term in March.

B. US Census Complete Count Committee Update

Molly shared the postcard that the City created. It was mailed to all Delano residents today.

Nick will make sure that census information is available at the library.

The City will share information on its social media pages - perhaps even create a video?

C. Citizens Academy/Neighborhood Ambassadors program

Nick explained the concept: a six-week program for community members (Delano school district area). City staff suggested the program start in April, in order to encourage people who want to potentially get involved in council or commission positions.

Nick will share with council at a February meeting and begin promoting via City media.

D. Policy Spotlight: Winter sidewalk snow removal

Becky spoke with Phil Kern to get a better understanding of the sidewalk snow removal policy

and how it is enforced. Discussion centered around whether the City should spend money in staff time/administrative fees, or spend the money hiring out complete snow removal? Becky says roughly half of Clover Springs sidewalks are not regularly cleared. The City needs to do a better job communicating the policy and penalties City residents. The commission recommended that the City enforce its current ordinance, and do studies on proposed cost for municipal snow removal. Nick will present this to the city council workshop on February 24.

E. Update on Diversity Task Force events

Diane said SOCC members were added to the DUDTF e-mail list.

**6. Other Business**

**7. Adjournment**

On a motion by Janell and seconded by Theresa, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 10, 7:00 pm