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**VILLAGE OF HANOVER PARK  
HISTORIC COMMITTEE**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Hanover Park Village Hall, 2121 Lake Street, Room 214  
Hanover Park, IL 60133**

**February 27, 2018  
6:00 p.m.**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL**

Member Nord called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Seconded by members Russ and E. Griesemer.

A motion to accept Member Nord as the acting Chairperson due to Chairperson Walther's absence was made by Member Russ and seconded by Member S. Griesemer.  
Voice Vote.

All Ayes – Motion Passes

PRESENT:           Members:                   Erika Griesemer, Austin Nord, Nikki Russ and Susan Griesemer

ABSENT:           Members:                   Ruth Carlson, Irene Walther

VILLAGE STAFF   Trustee Jon Kunkel, Officer Kevin Pini

PRESENT:

GUESTS:

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Member E. Griesemer to approve the Agenda for February 27, 2018 and seconded by Member Russ.

Voice Vote.

All Ayes – Motion Passes

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**3. PRESENTATIONS / REPORTS: None.**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Request to approve the Minutes of: January 23, 2018**

Motion by Member Russ to approve the Minutes, seconded by Member E. Griesemer.  
Voice Vote.

All Ayes – Motion Passes

**5. ACTION ITEMS: None**

**6. TOWNHALL SESSION: None**

**7. OLD BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEMS):**

**7-a. Hi-Lighter Articles – May - June 2018**

- Member Nord presented his article for the Highlighter on President Richard Nixon visit to the area.

**7-b. 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Family Fest / Saturday, August 11, 2018**

- The Committee was asked to participate in the Local Business Expo hosted by C.O.N.N.E.C.T. between 11 a.m.-3 p.m.. The Committee will have a table and Members E. Griesemer and S. Griesemer have volunteered to man the table for the first two hours and Members Walther and Nord volunteered to man the table for the last two hours.

**7-c. Wall of Mayors**

- Now that the Committee has access to Ancensry.com, Member Nord will begin researching the previous Mayors.

**7-d. Cemeteries**

- Per Trustee Kunkel, the project is on hold until Spring 2018

**7-e. Historic Preservation scanning photographs**

- Continuing as scheduled

**7-f. Ancestry.com membership**

- A 6-month membership for Ancestry.com has been purchased. The committee should consider renewing the 6-month membership in May.



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**8. NEW BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEMS):**

**8-a. Materials recovered from 1945 Ontarioville Road.**

- The committee sorted through (4) boxes of items recovered from the site before demolition. Items that posed even potential historical significance were retained and items that had clearly no reliance were disposed of.

**8-b. German Heritage Month – October 2018**

- In October, the Village will be celebrating German Heritage month and will be receiving a certificate. There will be more information to follow as it becomes available.


**9. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Member Russ to adjourn at 6:50 p.m and seconded by Member E. Griesemer.

Voice Vote.

All Ayes – Motion Passes

Recorded and Transcribed by:

  
Kevin Pini, Staff Liaison  
On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018

  
Irene Walther, Member

# Humble Village Honors Head of State: A Look Back at the Historic Visit of President Richard Nixon



**By: Austin Nord**

Beginning in 1970, the Nixon Administration sought to combat the rising amount of pollution, especially in the air and water of major cities, on the basis of public health. To kickstart his environmental aims, Nixon agreed to hold a summit in Chicago with the Governors of Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Michigan to discuss plans to reduce the amount of pollutants found in the air and water. The first scheduled stop, for his visit in Illinois, was to the Village of Hanover Park.<sup>1</sup> Nixon was slated to take a tour of the Hanover Park Metropolitan Water Reclamation Plant on Sycamore Avenue to get a first-hand look at the state-of-the-art facility. Many residents of

Hanover Park were eager to get a glimpse of the President with a crowd forming a mile long chain, three to four people deep, stretching from Irving Park road to the entrance of the plant.<sup>2</sup> Many began their wait up to two hours before the President's arrival! The tour lasted about twenty minutes but by then most residents had dispersed as Nixon departed, their curiosity satiated. While his visit to Hanover Park did not last long, the successful integration of water treatment plants in local municipalities similar to the facility in our Village, gave credence to calls for increased protection of the drinking water supply across the United States.

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<sup>1</sup> Donna Gill, "Nixon in Chicago Today," *Chicago Tribune*, Feb. 5, 1970, 1.

<sup>2</sup> Stanley Ziembra, "Small Suburban Village Gives President a Big Reception," *Chicago Tribune*, Feb. 7, 1970, 2.

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