



APPOINTMENTS

05/15/2023

Community Relations Commission

Appoint as Member

Name: Juanta Griffin

Term: 1

Term Expiration Date: 5/15/2026

Has been involved with the development, organizing, and execution of community programs such as the Juneteenth Parade/Cookout, Sankofa Arts Festival, Oak Park Kwanzaa Celebration, D97 Multicultural Festival, The Uniquely You Tea Party, and other programs that promote racial equity in our village.

Environment & Energy Commission

Appoint as Member

Name: Tejas Shah

Term: 1

Term Expiration Date: 5/15/2026

Has a deep interest in ensuring Oak Park builds a sustainable energy future. Background in immigration. Long-standing history of civic and professional engagement. Has served in various leadership positions with professional associations and currently serves on the board and treasurer of a nonprofit catering to immigrants on the north side of Chicago. Would like to be more involved in local government and public service in Oak Park where he has resided for 5 years.

Transportation Commission

Appoint as Member

Name: Jack Eskin

Term: 1

Term Expiration Date: 5/15/2026

Urban planner who works for transportation consultant firm HNTB. Has a masters in urban planning from UIC. Was Deputy Director of Redevelopment for the City of Gary, Indiana. Oversaw climate resiliency work for Delta Institute. Currently working on projects for IDOT, Metra, and CDOT and oversees grant writing for Cook County, City of Chicago, and Pace. Interested in integrating community and environmental planning into transportation projects overlaying with climate resiliency. Moved to Oak Park in 2019.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Appoint as Member

Name: Peter Weismantle

Term: 1

Term Expiration Date: 5/15/2028

Recently retired registered architect. Former chairperson of the Community design Commission. Fellow of the American Institute of Architects. Former chair of the Chicago Committee on High Rise Buildings. Has been responsible for the conceptualization, design, and coordination of technical systems, including vertical transportation, fire and life safety, and the building façade for large, complex, mixed-use and supertall projects around the world.