



Village Of Homewood
Community Relations Commission
for March 6, 2017 Meeting

Village Board Room
2020 Chestnut
Homewood, IL 60430

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Phil Kosanovich at 7:00 PM. The following people were in attendance:

ROLL CALL:

Lauren Roman, Robert Pascarella, Tom Hamilton, Troy O'Quin, Nancy Spaniak, Board Liaison Karen Washington, Mayor Rich Hofeld

Not in Attendance: Shannon Olson, Aredell Roundtree II, Kathi Knight, Carlyn Coleman, Heather Kersten

Board and Staff Liaison in attendance: Staff: Zach Thomas, Allisa Opyd, Sarah Meeks

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

February 6, 2017 meeting notes were not approved due to lack of quorum at that meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments made at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Handicap Access at Events**
- B. Review Chocolate Fest**
- C. Indoor Farmers Market**
- D. Review 2017 Calendar of Events**
 - a. Art Week**
 - b. Pets on Parade**
 - c. Summer Farmers Market**
 - d. Apple Fest**
- E. Review and Approve 2017 Community Relations Commission Meeting Schedule**

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

The group started with a conversation about Chocolate Fest, stating that the event went very well. Bake-off contestants will need to bump the quantity of pieces produce to 200. For the trays, we can produce a liner that lists Village events or an advertisement from a corporate sponsor. Hot chocolate

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in the tasting line is not a good idea, as there were spills. There were too many strollers in the auditorium at times -- we should encourage a free or nominal charge stroller valet or parking.

The group discussed changing the time to 10-1 instead of 11-2 to better meet the needs of the crowd and to avoid the huge drop off in attendance during lunch time. The CRC will revisit this possible change after Fall Fest.

The issue of handicap access at events was brought up, due to photos of possible accessibility problems being given to Village staff. The group reviewed the photos and determined that while the person who raised the issue had a valid concern for overall handicap accessibility at events, the photos did not illustrate any real problems. That noted, the CRC plans to review how it stages events to ensure that there are few to no accessibility issues in the future.

The year's agenda for events was reviewed and the CRC was excited by the new changes. With Block Party, bringing a bingo tent into play would be a welcome change. O'Quin said that he can bus seniors to the farmers markets from 8-10 AM.

Finally, the CRC selected the rest of the year's meeting dates, which include: April 3, May 1, June 12, July 3 (to decorate CRC float), August 7, September 11, October 2, November 6, and December 4.

NEXT MEETING: Monday April 3, 2017, at 7:00PM

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:00 PM the group agreed to dismiss with Pascarella making the motion and Roman seconding.

Respectfully submitted,
Zach Thomas
Marketing Director, Staff Liaison