



Village Of Homewood  
Community Relations Commission  
for June 12, 2017 Meeting

Village Board Room  
2020 Chestnut  
Homewood, IL 60430

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## 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:

Robert Pascarella, Troy O'Quin, Nancy Spaniak, Tom Hamilton, Board Liaison Karen Washington

**Not in Attendance:** Lauren Roman, Carlyn Coleman, Kathi Knight, Shannon Olson, Heather Kersten, Kathi Knight, Aredell Roundtree II, Mayor Rich Hofeld

**Board and Staff Liaison in attendance:** Staff: Zach Thomas and Allisa Opyd

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion was made by Committee Member Spaniak and seconded by Committee Member Hamilton.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments made at the meeting.

## AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Recap events including Arts Week, Art and Garden Street Fair, Rail Fest
- B. Fourth of July Parade
- C. Farmers Markets
- D. Block Party

### A. Recap of Art Week and Art and Garden Street Fair

The group first reviewed Art Week. This is the first time the event has taken place; Art Week took place the week of Art and Garden Street Fair, Monday through Thursday, from 5PM to 8PM.

- **Monday, June 5:** Homewood schools and Homewood Flossmoor High School Student Arts Exhibition, Bottle & Bottega (2009 Ridge Road, Homewood)
- **Tuesday, June 6:** T.A.L.K (Theatre and Arts Leadership Kouncil) Improv, Street and Community Art, Martin Avenue Square (18020 Martin Avenue, Homewood)
- **Wednesday, June 7:** The Science of Film: Then and Now Preview, The Homewood Science Center (18022, Dixie Highway, Homewood)
- **Thursday, June 8:** Art Auction Benefiting the South Suburban Family Shelter, Bottle & Bottega with after-party at Copper Still Martini Bar (1961 Ridge Road, Homewood)

- **Friday, June 9:** Kick-off of Art and Garden Street Fair, South Suburban Humane Society “Pets on Parade” unveiling, Martin Avenue Square
- **Saturday, June 10:** Art and Garden Street Fair, Martin Avenue Square

The group discussed how June is a challenging time of year for the schools to participate in programs like Art Week, because it is the end of the school year, for example eighth grade and senior graduation. Most juniors in the HF Art Program have their portfolios on review at universities. However, for this being the first year, the nights were busy and brought the kind of community engagement that residents like to participate in. Art Week needs to be better advertised with the other groups participating in Art Week.

Art and Garden Street Fair took place on June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. The events team had decided to have a later start on Friday, at 2:00 PM. The artists and restaurants liked the later start and would like to see it again in 2018. Homewood celebrated Art and Garden Street Fair’s 10th year anniversary, as part of the celebration the village sold the Homewood poster, created by Ryan Dugan, Homewood stickers and buttons. The sales of the items were well received by the community. The group made a few suggestions for 2018: Have on a-frames the program schedule and times with no graphics so it is easier to read. Rent large fans and misters. This was the last year for the chalk art.

## **B. July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade**

The Community Relations Committee will have a float in the parade. The theme will be Patriotic. Committee members will decorate the float on Monday, July 3, at 4:00 PM, at the fire house. Event staff will confirm new CRC signs will be ready for the float. Have the stilt walkers by the CRC float so they can catch a ride back to Village Hall.

## **C. Farmers Market**

We are off to a strong farmer’s market season. Vendors are please with sales and some have signed on for the Wednesday night market, starting July 12, 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, last date August 16.

## **D. Block Party**

The group reviewed the programming for the Homewood’s Giant Block Party, Saturday August 19, 12:00 PM to 9:00 PM, new hours!

12:00PM-1:30 PM The Spaniels (Doo Wop group)

3:00 PM to 5:00 PM Addy’s Corner

6:00 PM to 9:00 PM The Newport

12:00 PM to 4:00 PM Big Slide and Zip Line

12:00 PM -9:00 PM Jump House, Obstacle Course, and Midway Games

12:00 PM to 4:00PM Donut Themed Games

2:00 PM to 6:00 PM BINGO sponsored by St. Joseph’s Church

At the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, the event team will review the volunteer schedule.

## MEETING MINUTES

**GENERAL DISCUSSION:** Rail Fest was a success and tied in nicely with Public Works' Open House. For next year, we will not need to have a volunteer at the craft table. There are enough parents with children to help. Event team will purchase a craft so children can make their own puzzle with train stencil.

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, August 7, at 7:00PM

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 8:00 PM the group agreed to dismiss with Spaniak making the motion and seconded by O'Quin. Respectfully submitted,

Allisa Opyd  
Event Manager, Staff Liaison