



Village Of Homewood
Community Relations Commission
for September 11, 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 7:04 PM. The following people were in attendance:

ROLL CALL:

Robert Pascarella, Lauren Roman, Shannon Olison, Troy O'Quin, Aredell Roundtree II, Tom Hamilton, Mayor Hofeld and Board Liaison Karen Washington

Not in Attendance: Carlyn Coleman, Kathi Knight, Nancy Spaniak, and Heather Kersten

Board and Staff Liaison in attendance: Village Staff: Allisa Opyd and Sarah Meeks

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Committee Member Roundtree and seconded by Committee Member Roman.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments made at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Review Homewood's Giant Block Party
- B. Fall Fest
- C. Fall Fest Volunteers
- D. Holiday Lights
- E. Entertainment for Noon Year's Eve

A. Review Homewood's Giant Block Party

Homewood's Giant Block Party was an amazing success. Unlike last year, we had to contend with rain throughout the day which prevented installing inflatables and youth games. 2017, was a perfect summer day for a full day of programming that appealed to all ages.

12 PM | Fest Opens

12 PM to 1:30 PM | The Spaniels on stage

12 PM to 2PM | Rock Painting

2PM to 4PM | Sand Art

12 PM to 4:00 PM | Donut Toss and lollipop game

12 PM to 4PM | Slide and Zip Line

2 PM to 6PM | Bingo

3 PM to 5PM | Addy's Corner on stage

6PM to 9 PM | The Newports on stage

12:00 PM – 9:00 PM | Carnival Games

Feedback from the Committee:

- Determine better placement for the jump house and obstacle course, people tripped over weights. Should we place stanchions around them?
- Should we have more food options? This year we had offerings from: Fratellos, The Cottage, La Voute, DQ, and Wileys
- Have the Spanials open again and have them play longer
- Determine how to get Freedom Village residents to the event, work with Committee member O'Quin for bus service from Thornton Township
- Determine if St. Joe's did well with BINGO
- The footprint of the event worked well on Martin Ave, from Homewood Florist to Hickory Road, "T" on Hickory with day activities
- The footprint allowed for more people to be in the shade by the stage
- Have the zip line and a better slide at the event all day
- The new time worked well, 12:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- Because it is a Block Party, always have the Fire Dept and Police Dept there with their vehicles to show families
- Having the games and the kids crafts throughout the day worked really well
- Continue to work with Shoe Shine Production for music
- Confirm the HFHS volunteering have a better understanding as to what their roles are in volunteering the entire day

B. Fall Fest

Opyd reviewed Fall Fest programming with the committee. Fall Fest takes place on Saturday, September 16, 11:00 AM to 10:00PM. The day starts with the scarecrow contest at 11:00AM; the winners will be announced at noon. "The Boogers" kick-off the kids entertainment at 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Chili Cook-Off judging at 2:00PM and open tasting at 3:00PM. Petting zoo and pony rides are 12:00PM to 4:00PM. Blue Mud will take the stage 2:00PM to 3:30PM, 4:30PM to 6:00PM "Work Out Music" will perform. Mr. D's Magic Show 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Wagon rides 6:00 PM to 9:00PM. The Hemispheres will take the stage at 7:00 PM to 10:00PM. The family movie "Sing" will start at dusk. South Suburban Humane Society will host "Pet's on Parade" auction at Fall Fest, bidding times to be determined. New to the event, on-site t-shirt making. Meeks is working with a t-shirt company that has been showcased at Lollapalooza creating trendy t-shirts at events. The t-shirts will have a Homewood branding and sell for \$10.00.

The group reviewed supplies they will need for the day: (3) trays to serve chili to the judges. Bring the events tote with the supplies for decorating and photos of how to decorate the area.

Volunteer Schedule

Vendor management 6:45 AM-9:00AM: AJ, Troy, and Bob

Decorate: 8:00 AM-10:00 AM: AJ, Nancy, Troy, Carlyn, Phil

Chili Cook-Off 1:00 PM-3:30PM: Phil, Tom, Bob

Wagon Rides 5:45-7:30 Allisa and Bob

Wagon Rides 7:30PM -9:00 PM Troy and Bob
T-shirt Sales: 4:00 PM -6:00 PM Lauren and Sarah
T-shirt Sales: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Allisa and Shannon

C. Holiday Lights

Opyd reviewed the date and times for Holiday Lights, Friday December 1, 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. We will have trolley rides throughout the downtown, live reindeer, ice sculpture demonstration, mulled wine sales, Christkindle market, holiday tree sales, cookie decorating in the Homewood Science Center, and Santa.

The events team is working on having another event in December to bring the community together in the downtown. More details at the next meeting.

D. Entertainment for Noon Year's Eve event

The group discussed how to make sure Homewood residents have priority entrance into the event. Noon Year's Eve event has become a popular event in Homewood and the group would like to consider it becoming a no cost, but ticketed event. Residents would have to register and show proof of residency. Still to be determined: How many tickets will be released? How to register? What is the threshold for residents and then to open it up to non-residents? Can we have Police or Fire outside the auditorium to help monitor the amount of people that enter the auditorium?

The committee discussed the entertainment for this year. The team reviewed the idea of a science based entertainer that performs at the local schools. Dueling drums? Dance party? After further discussion the group decided to move forward with a pajama-dance party. Have disco lights, DJ, and characters lead dances. We will still have the balloon drop, photo booth, and White Castle sliders. The events team will start researching DJs.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- CN is sponsoring Rail Safety mural contest September 25-30.
- Paper Shredding sponsored by US Bank will take place September 30, 8:00-1:00PM, at village hall parking lot.
- Fire Department Open House will take place October 7, 11:00AM -2:00 PM

NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 2, at 7:00PM

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:10 PM the group agreed to dismiss with Roundtree making the motion and seconded by Hamilton. Respectfully submitted,

Allisa Opyd
Event Manager, Staff Liaison