



Village Of Homewood  
Community Relations Commission  
for October 2, 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 7:03 PM. The following people were in attendance:

## ROLL CALL:

Phil Kosanovich, Robert Pascarella, Heather Kersten, Nancy Spaniak, and Aredell Roundtree II

**Not in Attendance:** Lauren Roman, Carlyn Coleman, Kathi Knight, Shannon Olison, Tom Hamilton, Troy O'Quin, and Board Liaison Karen Washington

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

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

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

## AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Review Fall Fest
- B. Holiday Lights
- C. Santa at the Homewood Science Center and Martin Avenue Square
- D. Entertainment for Noon Year's Eve

### A. Review Fall Fest

Opyd reviewed Fall Fest with the team their thoughts on Fall Fest and feedback from the community.

- It was a great day and everything seemed to go smoothly
  - The transition from the chili cook-off to movie was seamless
- Placement for the Scarecrows worked well by the Gottschalk House
- Event team to invest in more scarecrows to use for displays. Make purchase from Joann Fabrics
- Do not have farm petting zoo or pony rides at 2018 Fall Fest
- Consider an inflatable corn maze to be placed on Hickory in place of the petting zoo and pony rides
- Have food vendors add apple cider to their menu

- Add more crafts to the event
- T-shirt sales did well, consider adding it for Art and Garden 2018

## **B. Holiday Lights**

Opyd reviewed information for Holiday Lights. The event will take place on Friday December 1, 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Santa will be on the fire engine and the A's R Us will lead the fire engine to Irwin Park. American Dance will have their ballerinas in the windows. 2017 Souvenir mugs will be sold, \$5 for the cup only, \$10 for the cup and wine. We will have a line for mug only purchase and will sell in a 10 x 20 tent. Blue Island Brewery will partner with The Cottage. Brass band will be performing in the same spot as last year.

5:00 PM-9:00 PM-Martin Ave Holiday Market

5:00 PM Holiday Tree Sales start for the Cancer Support Center

6:00PM Trolleys start route

6:30 PM-7:30 PM First Ice Carving demo

7:00 PM Tree lighting at Irwin Park and Santa arrives

7:30PM Second Ice Carving demo

7:30 PM Live Rein Deer

7:30 PM Santa arrives at La Voute

2017 Downtown Windowscape

This year we will be having "I Spy" windows for both the empty storefronts and businesses will participate as well. Sarah will create a map for "I Spy" locations.

## **C. Santa at the Science Center and Martin Ave Square: New Event**

Holiday Lights kicks-off the holiday season and to continue the holiday momentum the village will host another event. The event will be held on Saturday, December 16, 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM. The Village is partnering with the Homewood Science Center (HSC) for the event. Santa will be at the HSC for part of the event. Opyd asked for suggestions from the group for a title for the event. Committee member Kersten suggested "Miracle on Martin". The other committee members agreed with the title. Opyd will review with the group at the November meeting details for the new event and volunteer opportunities for both events.

## **D. Entertainment for Noon Year's Eve**

The group discussed at the September meeting to have a Pajama Dance Party, with a DJ. Committee Chair Kosanovich would like not to have a pajama themed dance party, but regular clothes. It might be easier on parents and what if it is cold and snowy. Costume characters will lead the dances. We will have a noon balloon drop, after White Castle Sliders will be served and Thomas Photographic will have a Photo Booth. The committee continued the discussion on how best to hand-out free tickets to Homewood residents for the event. Homewood residents can receive their tickets at the first floor desk at Village Hall. The maximum amount of tickets per family is six. Request to have either Police or Fire at the door to make sure we do not exceed maximum capacity.

## **GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

- The Mayor reviewed with the group:
  - Public Works will host branch chipping on October 7, 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

## MEETING MINUTES

- Still working on the development in the downtown Homewood

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, November 6, at 7:00PM

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 8:15 PM the group agreed to dismiss with Spaniak making the motion and seconded by Roundtree. Respectfully submitted,

Allisa Opyd  
Event Manager, Staff Liaison