



Village Of Homewood
Community Relations Commission
for April 4, 2016 Meeting

Village Board Room
2020 Chestnut
Homewood, IL 60430

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Committee Member Tony Brown at 7:04 PM. The following people were in attendance:

ROLL CALL:

Anthony Brown, Clifford Cressey, Robert Pascarella, Shannon Olison, Tom Hamilton, Nancy Spaniak, and Lauren Roman

Not in Attendance: Phil Kosanovich, Carlyn Coleman, Ardell Roundtree, Kathi Knight, and Heather Kersten

Board and Staff Liaison in attendance: Mayor Rich Hofeld Village, Village Trustee Karen Washington, Staff Allisa Opyd and Anna Devries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 7, 2016 meeting minutes, a motion was made by Hamilton to approve and seconded by Roman.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments made at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Rail Fest: The event will take place on Saturday May 21, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Opyd discussed the logistics of the event: The programming will take place in multiple areas. In the auditorium, the event will have train layouts, activities, entertainment, and train organizations. On Martin Avenue, across from the auditorium, there will be (4) 30 x30 tents which will house vendors selling rail antique and historic items. We will have volunteers at the Rail Park, located on Park Avenue, to showcase the historic IC caboose. At the next meeting, Opyd will request for volunteers to assist with crafts for kids and line up participants for the trackless train.
- B. Art and Garden Street Fair: Opyd reviewed with the group details of the event. The event will take place on Friday June 10 and Saturday June 11, 10AM to 9PM both days. The event will take place on Martin Avenue, between Ridge Road and Hickory Road. We have new artists as well as new restaurants joining the events. Programming for the event:

MEETING MINUTES

Friday

11:00 AM to 12:00 PM Little Miss Anne children's music performance

2:00 PM to 5:00PM Sunnyside Up-A rock/bluegrass fusion.

6:00PM to 9:00PM Maggie Speaks to sing all the top 40 hits

Additional Programming

Kids Crafts from 12:00PM to 5:00 PM

Homewood Science Center Pop-Up Science

Saturday

10:00 AM Start your weekend with a workout with Intense Conditioning

11:00 AM to 12:00 PM Scribble Monsters- Homewood residents will perform "Kindie Rock"

1:00 PM to 2:30 PM Through the Flood, teen musicians from Homewood will perform.

3:00 PM to 5:00PM Work In Progress will perform a collaboration of bluegrass, blues, and folk

6:00 PM to 9:00 PM Latin Satin Soul

Additional Programming

10:00 AM to 3:00PM Returning to Homewood Nancy Pocus Banks, chalk artist. Nancy and her team will create another chalk art masterpiece on a Homewood Street. This will also give participants an opportunity to create their own masterpiece. Chalk will be provided, at no charge.

Homewood Science Center will have Pop-Up Science from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

New this Year, Craft Beer Tasting, from 3:00 PM until 6:00PM local brewers will share their brew at the Art and Garden Street Fair.

- C.** July 4 Parade: Opyd reviewed an update to the application. For profits will pay \$20 to enter the parade, not for profit the fee is waived.
- D.** Indoor/Outdoor Farmers Market: Devries reviewed with the group updates on the markets. More than 600 people attended the indoor market in March; the attendees continue to grow with each market. This is a great indicator for the outdoor market. With the use of social media, we have been able to extend the reach to advertise the indoor market. We have attendees as far as from Chicago, Tinley, and Munster. Hunt and Gather: We have acquired more vendors to join the once a month market. Vendors create items that may be sold include new and vintage home decor, antiques and painted furniture, hand crafted items, up-cycled items.

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Green Events: Electronic Take-Back dates have been scheduled:

- June 18
- July 23
- August 27
- September 24

Paper Shredding and Prescription Drug Take Back dates tbd

Green Thumb Saturday Dates:

April 9 History of Garden Design

May 14 Containers and Raised Bed Veggies

June 11 Pesty Insects

September 10 Fall Clean-up

October 8 Fall & Winter Planters

The group suggested we approach Walts to join the market and sell flowers at the market.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: The Mayor reviewed with the group the following:

- EDC breakfast will be held April 21 at Ravisloe
- Baseball Parade will be held on April 16
- Menards expansion will take place; however, to expedite the process, Menards will close July 5 for nine months and then re-open.
- Room Place is now open on Halsted St.
- Cryotherapy has opened in Homewood in the Southgate area
- Transit Oriented Development- The Village is working with developers for Transit Oriented Development (TOD) also known as Mixed Use Development. Look for more information to come in the future.

NEXT MEETING: Monday May 2, 2016, at 7:00PM

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:10 PM a motion was made by Spaniak and seconded by Brown to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,
Allisa Opyd
Events Manager, Staff Liaison