



Village Of Homewood
Community Relations Commission
for August 1, 2016 Meeting

Village Board Room
2020 Chestnut
Homewood, IL 60430

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Committee Member Anthony Brown at 7:06 PM. The following people were in attendance:

ROLL CALL:

Anthony Brown, Robert Pascarella, Nancy Spaniak, and Tom Hamilton

Not in Attendance: Phil Kosanovich, Ardell Roundtree, Kathi Knight, Lauren Roman, Carlyn Coleman, Shannon Olson, Heather Kersten, Ardell Roundtree, Troy O'Quin

Board and Staff Liaison in attendance: Village Trustee Karen Washington, Staff Allisa Opyd, Sarah Meeks

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

June 6, 2016 meeting minutes, a motion was made by Spaniak to approve and seconded by Hamilton.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments made at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Review Art and Garden Street Fair Event: Although the days were hot for the Art and Garden Street Fair, the event was still a success. The group reviewed ideas for 2017.
 - Change the time for the beer tasting 4PM to 7:30 PM
 - Tent the entire chalking area and possibly use a fan to cool the area off
 - Have high school involvement in the chalk art
 - Create a cooling station if the weather is extreme
 - Try to tent the area around the music, possibly shade sails
 - More pub tables
 - Do not overlap childrens entertainment with activities at the Science Center

- B. July Fourth Parade: Committee members discussed it is time to change the “Block Party” theme for the float. Possible themes: Patriotic, Historical, or Home Sweet Homewood. The float should have Community Relations Committee branding on it. The group to revisit the topic in November.

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C. Homewood's Giant Block Party: Saturday, August 20, 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM, on Martin Ave. The event will have the annual Pooch Parade; however, after will transition to a Block Party. The event will have live entertainment throughout the day, inflatable jump house, obstacle course, midway games, ice cream eating contest, water balloon toss. Olson suggested we use the Park District rental games to create a block party atmosphere. Olson will order the games for the event. Opyd will order police car, fire truck and fire engine.

Volunteers:

Event Concierge 7:45 AM -9:00 AM Nancy

Pooch Parade 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM Tony and Phil

Ice Cream Eating Contest 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM Tom

Water Balloon Toss 2:30 to 3:30 Tom

D. National Night Out: The event is sponsored by Homewood Police Department and will be held on August 2, at Irwin Park, 5PM to 8PM. Event staff will assist with the vendors, entertainment, and programming. The event will have a helicopter land in the park, bounce house, stilt walker creating balloon animals, water balloon toss, NNO cake, donations from Target, CN's Little Obie, and a DJ.

E. Fall Fest Overview: Opyd reviewed with the group Fall Fest, September 17, 11:00 AM until 10:00 PM., located on Martin Avenue. We have kept much of the same elements of Fall Fest, however, looking to have new programming for 2017. The event will have this year:

- Scarecrow contest- 3rd year
- Pony rides and petting zoo- noon to 4PM
- Chili Cook-off 2PM judging and 3PM open tasting
 - Beneficiary for the tasting is the Homewood Science Center
- Mr. D's Magic Show
- Pumpkin Patch
- Horse-wagon rides
- Food vendors
- Artisans
- Bands
 - Ralph's World
 - Work In Progress
 - Latin Satin Soul
 - DJ 11 AM to 7 PM

Volunteer schedule will be discussed at the September 12 meeting.

F. Movies in the Park: The next Movies in the Park will be in Flossmoor, on August 19. The movie is "Inside Out". Unfortunately, the event is the night before Homewood's Block Party and it is a challenging date for staff and volunteers.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: Trustee Washington reviewed with the committee; Village staff is researching a rental property inspection program. This is designed to hold landlord responsible for the health and safety of their properties. Staff will present to the Village Board in September.

NEXT MEETING: Monday September 12, 2016, at 7:00PM

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ADJOURNMENT: At 8:15 PM a motion was made by Spaniak and seconded by Pascarella to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,
Allisa Opyd
Events Manager, Staff Liaison