



Village Of Homewood  
Community Relations Commission  
for October 3, 2016 Meeting

Village Board Room  
2020 Chestnut  
Homewood, IL 60430

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## CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Committee liaison Zach Thomas at 7:00 PM. The following people were in attendance:

## ROLL CALL:

Anthony Brown, Tom Hamilton, Troy O'Quin, Aredell Roundtree, Robert Pascarella

**Not in Attendance:** Phil Kosanovich, Lauren Roman, Carlyn Coleman, Heather Kersten, Shannon Olison, Kathi Knight, Nancy Spaniak, Mayor Hofeld, Trustee Washington

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

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 12, 2016 meeting minutes, a motion was made by Hamilton to approve and seconded by O'Quin

## PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments made at the meeting.

## AGENDA ITEMS:

### A. Fall Fest

Thomas and Opyd reviewed Fall Fest. Attendance was excellent, with several thousand people coming to the event. Overall, vendors were pleased with the festival.

Issues related to the event: more garbage totes are needed with more emptying. Many waste totes were overflowing by the midpoint of the evening. For 2017, ensure that the festival does not take place on the NASCAR race in Joliet or on Homecoming weekend.

### B. Holiday Lights

Thomas and Opyd discussed Holiday Lights. The festival takes place December 2, 2016 from 5-9 PM, an hour earlier start than years previous.

# MEETING MINUTES

Food and gifts will be available from the expo area on Martin Avenue south of Ridge. Holiday tree and wreath sales will benefit the Cancer Support Center. Mulled wine sales will be conducted by the Economic Development Committee of the Village.

The celebration extends throughout all of downtown Homewood, with activities at the Homewood Science Center, tree lighting and caroling at Irwin Park, and special shopping events at downtown businesses. Primary activities include Tree Lighting, Visits with Santa (one at Irwin, one at Martin Square), Musical Trolley Rides, Live Ice Carvings, Real Reindeer Petting Zoo, Antique Car Parade, Christmas Tree Sales, Outdoor Market Vendors, and Holiday Brass Band.

- C. Noon Year's Eve Day: The Chicago Acrobat Boyz are confirmed to return. The photo booth will return too. Similarly, White Castle and Comcast/XFINITY has renewed its commitment.
- D. Photo Shoot: Thomas asked for volunteers to participate in a photo shoot in the downtown Homewood area on a date to-be-determined (the shoot took place on the afternoon of Sunday, October 16). If this shoot was successful, more shoots will take place in the future to generate content for Village marketing efforts.

## GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Opyd and Thomas discussed additional information taking place in Homewood:

- The Village is working with the HBA on a fashion show on Saturday, December 3 at LaVoute. This is the second year for the event. Reservations will be required.
- The indoor market will open January 28, at the Irwin Center. There will be a market every last Saturday of the month through April.

O'Quin mentioned that Thornton Township has a number of programs that could interface with the Village, including a program that buses senior citizens to events and outings. With sufficient notice, the Township could bring seniors to Village events.

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday January 2, 2017, at 7:00PM

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 8:00 PM a motion was made by O'Quin and seconded by Roundtree to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,  
Zach Thomas  
Marketing Director, Staff Liaison