



Village Of Homewood
Community Relations Commission
for November 28, 2016 Meeting

Village Board Room
2020 Chestnut
Homewood, IL 60430

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Phil Kosanovich at 7:00 PM. The following people were in attendance:

ROLL CALL:

Shannon Olison, Heather Kersten, Tom Hamilton, Kathi Knight, Nancy Spaniak, Aredell Roundtree II, Mayor Richard Hofeld, Lauren Roman

Not in Attendance: Carlyn Coleman, Anthony Brown, Robert Pascarella, Board Liaison Karen Washington

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

October 3, 2016 meeting minutes, a motion was made by Hamilton to approve and seconded by Knight.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments made at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Holiday Lights: Thomas, Meeks, and Opyd discussed Holiday Lights. The festival takes place December 2, 2016 from 5-9 PM, an hour earlier start than years previous. The group discussed the volunteer list and offered times that they would be able to help.
- B. Fashion Show: The CRC was invited to attend the HBA Fashion Show on December 3, showcasing various looks from local boutiques. This is the second year for the event and is now expected the day after Holiday Lights.
- C. Noon Year's Eve Day: the event is scheduled for Saturday, December 31. Volunteers that committed to being there at 9 AM to set-up include representatives from Vineyard Church, and CRC members Kathy, Nancy, and Tom. The doors open at 10:30 and Vineyard will help usher attendees inside. Volunteers are still needed to help serve the White Castle hamburgers at noon and clean up at 1 PM.
- D. Indoor Farmer's Market: the first indoor farmers market takes place Saturday, January 28 from 8 AM to noon. The list of committed vendors looks to be very promising. This first market is also when the HBA's "Unwrap Homewood" shop local program will conduct its receipt collection.

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- E. Chocolate Fest: this favorite event takes place on Saturday, February 18 in the Village Auditorium. Vendors are in the process of submitting their info. Event format will hew closely to previous year's, but the Homewood Science Center will be involved in a role TBD.
- F. Photo/Video: the Village's Cable Commission is finding that it needs to be more closely synchronized with the CRC in order to be effective at documenting Village events. Zach Thomas is a shared liaison between the CRC and Cable Commission and intends on assembling a plan that may allow this synchronization to happen.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Mayor Hofeld informed the group about new developments in Homewood. He mentioned that new bar the Copper Still will be open on a temporary basis during Holiday Lights to serve hot chocolate and some alcoholic beverages. Hofeld also told the group about a call center that has moved into the office park along 175th that employs 250+ people, all of whom shop in the Village. Other items include discussion about a potential arts center, updates on the transit-oriented development project, and Halsted St. police action.

NEXT MEETING: Monday January 9, 2017, at 7:00PM

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:00 PM a motion was made by Knight and seconded by Spaniak to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,
Zach Thomas
Marketing Director, Staff Liaison