



Village Of Homewood  
Community Relations Commission  
for January 5, 2015 Meeting

Village Board Room  
2020 Chestnut  
Homewood, IL 60430

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## CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Kosanovich at 7:02 p.m. The following people were in attendance:

## ROLL CALL:

Phil Kosanovich, Anthony Brown, Clifford Cressey, Nancy Spaniak, Ardell Roundtree  
**Not in Attendance:** Gail Bibb, Lauren Crispe Freeman, Lauren Roman, Tom Hamilton, Kelly Ford, Heather Kersten, Kathi Knight.

**Board and Staff Liaison in attendance:** Mayor Richard Hofeld and Village Staff Allisa Opyd and Anna DeVries.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Spaniak and was seconded by Brown to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2014 meeting. Motion carries.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments made at the meeting.

## AGENDA ITEMS:

### A. Holiday Lights

The event was a success! Utilizing only Martin Avenue contained the event for easier mobility for attendees. Next year, members agreed there should only be eight vendors at the Christkindle market, four non-profit and four for-profit. We will make sure we have a few vendors selling hot chocolate; there was not enough at the event. We will use ceramic mugs for the mulled wine sales for next year and consider having a restaurant sell the mulled wine and mugs. The group will consider having a second Santa Claus for Martin Avenue to start at 7:30 PM until 9:00PM; unfortunately, Santa arrives later than 8:00 PM on Martin Avenue. Committee Members also discussed the “Big Box” that it was a great marketing tool; however, there were no prices and sometimes not even the store identified.

### B. New Years Eve Day

The committee agreed to change the name to “Noon Years Eve” instead of the New Years Eve Day event. Members discussed the concerns with the flooring in the Auditorium, people continue to trip on the mat covering. Opyd and DeVries will work with Public Works for a solution. Members considered having the chairs closer to the entertainment and

people who arrive late can either stand in back or go to the bleachers. If the budget allows, consider purchasing new decorations that will decorate a wider space, more wall art, and streamers in the auditorium.

**C. Chocolate Fest:**

Opyd discussed the initial plans for the event. There will be two demonstrations from Bakewell: Teacakes for children's demo and Tiffin for adult demonstration. Volunteer sign-up will be done at the next Community Relations Meeting.

**D. Calendar for 2015**

Opyd reviewed the events dates with the group and the scheduled meetings Community Relations Commission for 2015. The information will be sent with January minutes.

**E. Community Relations Shirts:** The shirts will be purchased through Nix Nax, on 183<sup>rd</sup>. Staff will be able to try on a t-shirt, polo style shirt and a sweatshirt. Members can choose between the polo or a t-shirt and order a sweatshirt.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

Mayor Hofeld reviewed with the group:

- Progress has been made on the hotel. The Mayor has scheduled meetings with construction team.
- The downtown area will have construction starting in the spring and will continue throughout the summer.

**NEXT MEETING:** February 2, at 7:00 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:30 PM a motion was made by Spaniak and seconded by Roundtree to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,  
Allisa Opyd  
Events Manager, Staff Liaison