



Village Of Homewood
Community Relations Commission
for March 2, 2015 Meeting

Village Board Room
2020 Chestnut
Homewood, IL 60430

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Kosanovich at 7:05 PM. The following people were in attendance:

ROLL CALL:

Phil Kosanovich, Lauren Roman, Heather Kersten, Anthony Brown, Clifford Cressey, Nancy Spaniak.

Not in Attendance: Lauren Crispe Freeman, Kelly Ford, Tom Hamilton, Kathi Knight, Ardell Roundtree, Trustee Karen Washington, and Allisa Opyd

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Spaniak and was seconded by Cressey to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2015 meeting. Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments made at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Chocolate Fest:

- a. Bake-Off Layout: The new layout was clean, clear and easy to navigate. More stanchions are needed behind the bake-off area; this will prevent people from going behind the tables during the judging.
- b. Bake-Off: Trays worked well; however, ran out of the trays and had to use plates. Purchase 200 trays for 2016. The trays are bulky and take up space, but the group should try and assemble before the event.
- c. Event Changes-
 - i. The coat rack was helpful, 20 coats checked in at any given time. Use the coat rack for the future Chocolate Fest.
 - ii. Stress to the vendors participating the marketing opportunity the event is for them. The Cottage had great exposure at Chocolate Fest which helped bring in new customers. The Cottage handed out free desserts as part of their PR for the restaurant. Committee Chair Kosanovich suggested include in the vendor application a letter from The Cottage of their great experience at the event and how it has brought new customers to them.
 - iii. Due to the limited space, there is only room for 16 vendors.

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- iv. The apron decorating was a great success, next year order 150 with more cupcake stencils.
- v. The DHBA had a great turn out for the “Chocolates Around the World”. They sold out of their passports. They had a lot of new participants for the event.

B. Annual Report- The Annual Report has been deferred to the April meeting.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Staff will contact CRC members to confirm committee membership.

Mayor Hofeld reviewed with the group:

- Determine if in March 2016 should the CRC assist in developing and sponsoring an event like a “Grub Crawl” or a “Restaurants Week/Weekend. He would like to see an event or promotion that will bring the community together in the month of March.
- There will be an upcoming meeting for the Exploratorium-Science Center, date and time will be released.

NEXT MEETING: April 6, at 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:50 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