



Village Of Homewood
Community Relations Commission
for April 6, 2015 Meeting

Village Board Room
2020 Chestnut
Homewood, IL 60430

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Kosanovich at 7:04 p.m. The following people were in attendance:

ROLL CALL:

Phil Kosanovich, Anthony Brown, Clifford Cressey, Ardell Roundtree, Tom Hamilton, Kathi Knight.

Not in Attendance: Lauren Crispe Freeman, Lauren Roman, Kelly Ford, Heather Kersten, Nancy Spaniak, and Anna DeVries.

Board and Staff Liaison in attendance: Mayor Richard Hofeld, Trustee Karen Washington, Village Staff Allisa Opyd.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Brown and was seconded by Knight to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2015 meeting. Chairman Kosanovich added the following corrections to the minutes: Agenda Item section A(b) Trays must be assembled before the next event, if used again. Also, under the section Adjournment: Recorded by Anna De Vries. Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments made at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Art and Garden Street Fair:** Opyd reviewed with the committee programming for the Art and Garden Street Fair. The event will take place on Friday June 12 and Saturday June 13, starting at 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM, both days. The event will be filled with programming for the entire family. New to the event this year is “Chalk of the Town”. The concept of the program is to create 3 dimensional chalk art on the street. The chalk art will take place within the footprint of the Art and Garden Street Fair, on June 13, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. DeVries has contacted the Art teachers at HF High School to have the AP Art students participate and create chalk art. Opyd showed photos of the art work completed in other cities. At the May meeting commissioners will be able to volunteer for the event.

- B. July 4 Parade:** The group decided to change the time of the July 4 Parade to 10:00 AM for step off, not 11:00 AM. Chairman Kosanovich discussed what entertainment we have scheduled for the Parade. Opyd reviewed we will not have Bagpipers nor do we have the

Budweiser horses this year. Chairman Kosanovich believes Homewood has the potential of becoming the premier July 4 Parade of the Southland area. Opyd will confirm we have the Boy Scouts as the parade Color Guard. The CRC will not sponsor the kids contest this year; however, will continue the Best Float contest. There will be a 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place.

C. Dog Days of Summer: Opyd reviewed the official new name for the event: Homewood's Giant Block Party, featuring the Pooch Parade. The event will take place on August 15, 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM and possibly a new location of Hickory Road. There will be a full day of family programming at the event. The Beautification Committee will be selling the scarecrow frames again at the event.

D. Indoor/Outdoor Farmers Market:

- a) Opening Day: May 23, from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM, held in the Village Hall parking lot.
- b) Hunt & Gather: This addition to the outdoor farmers market will take place the last Saturday of each month, during the market season. This curated event will feature products including new and vintage home decor, antiques and painted furniture, hand crafted items, up-cycled and recreated items.
- c) Green Events: Electronic Take-Back has been scheduled for the following dates:
 - June 20
 - July 18
 - August 22
 - September 26

Paper Shredding and Prescription Drug take-back will be scheduled in the fall.

- c) Green Thumb Saturdays: Program has already started with additional programs scheduled:
Hours-9:30 AM to 10:15 AM.
 - April 11
 - May 9
 - June 13
 - July 11
 - August 8
 - September 12
 - October 10

E. Additional Village Committee Sponsored Events:

- a) Rail Fest: May 16 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, at the AH Auditorium.
- b) Drivin the Dixie: June 20, cars will arrive around 11:00AM. The Heritage Committee will sponsor "Chalk of the Town" as well as other activities during the time the cars are parked in St. Paul's parking lot.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Mayor Hofeld reviewed with the group:

- Hotel has a tentative opening date of June 6. The CRC members will be invited to the opening.
- April 18 is opening day for Homewood Baseball, parade will start at 11:00 AM
- Science Museum general meeting open to the public on April 20, at 7:00 PM at Ravisloe.

MEETING MINUTES

NEXT MEETING: May 4, at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:05 PM a motion was made by Hamilton and seconded by Brown to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,
Allisa Opyd
Events Manager, Staff Liaison