



Village Of Homewood  
Community Relations Commission  
for August 3, 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 Tony Brown at 7:04 p.m. The following people were in attendance:

## ROLL CALL:

Anthony Brown, Carlyn Coleman, Clifford Cressey, Tom Hamilton, Shannon Olson.

**Not in Attendance:** Phil Kosanovich, Ardell Roundtree, Lauren Crispe Freeman, Nancy Spaniak, Lauren Roman, Heather Kersten, Kelly Ford, Kathi Knight.

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

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Hamilton and was seconded by Cressey to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2015 meeting.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments made at the meeting.

## AGENDA ITEMS:

The group was introduced to Carlyn Coleman to the Community Relations Committee.

### A. Art and Garden Street Fair:

Opyd reviewed Art and Garden Street Fair with the committee. The event was held on Hickory Road rather than Martin Ave, due to construction on Martin Ave. Friday was a challenge with vendors setting up in the rain and with the threat of storms. Opening the event was delayed because of the weather; however, Ralphs World was able to perform an acoustic guitar show for the families that braved the cold rain. There were periods of no rain; however, after 4PM people came out to shop, eat and were ready to enjoy Maggie Speaks in the evening.

Saturday's weather was much better for "Chalk of the Town". Adding "Chalk of the Town", with chalk artist Nancy Banks, was a great success for the event. Banks and her team worked for 7 hours replicating the master piece "Sunday in the Park" in chalk, on Martin Avenue. Local artist joined in creating their own chalk art in a 4x4 space as well as children in a 2x2 space. This was the inaugural year with the chalk art and it was a great success.

Unfortunately, due to the threat of storms, Art and Garden Street Fair closed at 8:00PM, rather than 9:00 PM.

Families signed up at the “Chalk of the Town” for a raffle drawing to ride on Lil Obie in the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade.

Next year, Art and Garden will return to Martin Ave.

## **B. July 4 Parade:**

Opyd reviewed the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade with the Committee. There was concern because of the long weekend we would not have as many participants or spectators; however, we had 42 groups in the parade and Dixie Hwy and Ridge Road were filled with spectators. We still need to work with participants to have more music and to do a better job of spreading the music throughout the parade line-up.

Members handed out candy, Frisbees, and small beach balls. The Frisbees will have information on them promoting Homewood’s Block Party, August 15. All the items handed out were a great success.

## **C. WCIU and WGN**

We received confirmation that WCIU and WGN will be out to showcase Homewood. WCIU will be doing a segment on La Banque, La Voute, Civility, and Ups a Daisy boutique. WGN will have “Around Town with Anna Anaval” to discuss Homewood’s Block Party and the annual Pooch Parade.

## **D. National Night Out**

There are great things planned for National Night Out, August 4. The event gives residents the opportunity to meet Homewood Police Officers. We will be handing out sun glasses and beach balls. The event will have a Dixieland band performing, face painting, food from local eateries, a jump house, and new this year: Lil Obie and a helicopter landing in Irwin Park.

## **E. Homewood’s Block Party**

Opyd reviewed the schedule for the event, August 15, 11:00 AM -8:00 PM, Hickory Road.

### **Schedule**

**10:00 AM** | Pooch Parade Check In/Registration on Ridge Road

**11 AM** | Pooch Parade

**12 PM** | Super Stolie (Pop-rock children’s band)

**1 PM** | Ben’s Bubble Show

**1 PM** | Fire Engine/Police car

**2 PM** | Ice Cream Eating Contest by DQ

**2 PM** | Strung Out (70’s Cover Band)

**3 PM** | Water Balloon Contest

**4 – 8 PM** | Bean Bag Tourney

**5 – 8 PM** | Final Say (Chicago’s band for live music)

**11:00 AM – 8:00 PM** | Carnival Games

**1:00 PM – 5:00 PM** | “Pup Crawl” sponsored by South Suburban Humane Society

## Pooch Parade Volunteers

- Check-in 9:30 AM- Phil, Tony, and AJ
- Pooch Parade line up-Phil, Tony and AJ

Ice Cream Eating Contest 2PM -3PM Tom and Clifford

Winners will receive gift cards from sponsor, Dairy Queen.

## Water Balloon Toss 3PM -4PM: Tom and Clifford

- Concept: Have four age groups tossing water balloons in a parallel line.
- Olison will obtain from the Park District 1 time pool pass for winners and village will provide water toys.
- 100 water balloons will be needed; committee members took balloons to fill with water.

## F. Fall Fest

Opyd reviewed the Fall Fest schedule; however, will review volunteer schedule at the next CRC meeting.

10AM -12PM Scarecrow Contest

12PM - 1PM Super Stoli, children's entertainment

12PM – 4PM Pony Rides and Petting Zoo

2PM Chili Cook-Off

2, 3, & 4 PM Mr. D's Magic show

3PM -6PM Midnight (Pop and Classic Rock)

4PM-6PM Pumpkin Patch

7PM 10PM Latin Satin Soul

8PM Movie: Monsters University

6PM-9PM Horsedrawn Wagon Ride

## GENERAL DISCUSSION:

The Mayor reviewed with the group:

- Portillo's opening September 15.
- Sleepy's will open at the site of the old Arby's on Halsted.

**NEXT MEETING:** September 14, at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room

## ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:15 PM a motion was made by Hamilton and seconded by Coleman to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,  
Allisa Opyd  
Events Manager, Staff Liaison