



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

Village Board Room
2020 Chestnut
Homewood, IL 60430

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Phil Kosanovich at 7:07 PM. The following people were in attendance:

ROLL CALL:

Phil Kosanovich, Anthony Brown, Carlyn Coleman, Clifford Cressey, Ardell Roundtree, Nancy Spaniak.

Not in Attendance: Lauren Roman, Shannon Olison, Heather Kersten, Tom Hamilton, Kathi Knight.

Board and Staff Liaison in attendance: Trustee Karen Washington, Village Staff Allisa Opyd and Anna DeVries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Roundtree and was seconded by Spaniak to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2015 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments made at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Fall Fest Review:

The group reviewed Fall Fest 2015 what worked and what they would like to see changed.

- Try to extend the hours of the petting zoo. The line was still long at petting zoo closing time and people were turned away.
- Feedback from parents is that there is not enough for “tweens” to do at the event. Determine if a craft for them could be added to the programming.
- We need to provide more restrooms and better lighting.
- Have garbage totes changed at 3:00 PM and at 6:00 PM. Identify where a row of totes can go instead of placed throughout the event.
- Have a separate entrance and exit for pumpkin patch and have decorating pumpkins outside of the pumpkin patch.
- Horse wagon ride; have a committee member stand in line as the last person for the wagon rides and hold a sign “last person for the night”.

- Determine if the large wagons are needed.

B. Hobo Night

Opyd reviewed Hobo Night with the members. The event will take place on Saturday October 10, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. The festivities will take place at the Rail Park, on Park Avenue, at the restored Illinois Central Caboose. Visitors will make hobo sacks filled with the items to make s'mores, tour the IL Central Caboose, a sing along with Homewood's very own Matt Bailey, hobo stories with Hobo Joe (Krol) and end the evening at the bonfire making s'mores. Opyd asked for volunteers to help with creating hobo sacks and s'mores.

C. Holiday Lights

The next event in Homewood is Holiday Lights on Friday December 4, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. This is a short event; however, with a lot of programming. Opyd reviewed with members where volunteers will be needed for the evening, mulled wine sales and trolley rides. Sign-up for the event will take place at the November 2nd meeting.

D. Noon Year's Eve Event

The group discussed having Chicago Acrobat Boys as the entertainment. Opyd will proceed with a contract. More information will be discussed at the next meeting.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

DeVries reviewed with the group the Holiday Yard Card program. The program will start November 5 through December 5. The card painting will be held in the future site of the Homewood Science Center, 18022 Dixie Hwy. The program is co-sponsored by the H-F Park District.

Opyd reviewed the last farmers market for the season will be October 10. The market will have Hunt and Gathered and prescription drug take back, sponsored by Cook County and the Village of Homewood.

Fire Department Open House will take place on Saturday October 10, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. It will be a great event for the entire family. The programming for the day will have demonstrations, an obstacle course, and food.

NEXT MEETING: November 2 at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:20 PM a motion was made by Cole and seconded by Cressey to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,
Allisa Opyd
Events Manager, Staff Liaison