



Village Of Homewood
Community Relations Commission
for November 30, 2015 Meeting

Village Board Room
2020 Chestnut
Homewood, IL 60430

CALL TO ORDER:

BASSAT training, from 7:00PM to 7:30PM, took place for some of the members selling mulled wine at Holiday Lights. The meeting was called to order by Committee Member Brown at 7:30 PM. The following people were in attendance:

ROLL CALL:

Anthony Brown, Carlyn Coleman, Clifford Cressey, Aredell Roundtree, Lauren Roman, Shannon Olison, Heather Kersten, Nancy Spaniak

Not in Attendance: Phil Kosanovich, Tom Hamilton, and Kathi Knight.

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

Additional attendee: Meghan Donahue

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

After corrections were made 1) Aredell Roundtree's name was misspelled 2) Carlyn Coleman did not attend the November 2, 2015 meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Roundtree and was seconded by Coleman to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2015 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments made at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Holiday Lights

- a. Opyd reviewed the programming for Holiday Lights, Friday December 4, from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM.

6:00 PM-9:00 PM

- Trolleys will travel throughout the downtown
- Martin Avenue Winter Market opens
- Holiday brass band will perform at Winter Market
- Foundation 153 holiday tree and wreath sale starts at 3:00 PM
- La Banque to serve beignets and hot chocolate

7:00 PM

- Antique Car Parade escorting Santa on fire engine

- Santa lights the holiday tree at Irwin Park

7:30 PM-9:00 PM

- Martin Ave live reindeer
- Ice carving demonstrations
- Second Santa on Martin Avenue Square

b. Volunteers for Holiday Lights

Volunteers from the Community Relations Commission and Economic Development Committee will be helping at Holiday Lights:

Trolley 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Marcia Nicholson

Trolley 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Tony Brown

Terry Keigher

Mulled Wine Sales 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Craig Schmidt

Pam Lau

Mulled Wine Sales 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Pam Lau

Nancy

Heather

Lauren

AJ

Second Santa 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Meghan Donahue

Clifford

Assist the Antique cars onto Martin Ave

AJ

B. Noon Years Eve

a. Review

Opyd reviewed the event. The doors will open at 10:30 AM, seating is limited. Chicago Boys Acrobatic team will start the entertainment at 11:00 AM until 11:50AM. Once The Chicago Boyz Acrobatic Team has cleared the floor, spectators will be escorted to the center of the auditorium floor and handed noise makers for the noon balloon drop. After the balloon drop, White Castles will be served and the photo station will start.

b. Volunteers

9:30 AM Decorate: Nancy, Clifford, and Tom

10:00 AM Vineyard Church will assist with the noise makers and showing spectators to their seats.

Opyd will email the committee for volunteers to help hand out White Castles and juice. Four volunteers will be needed.

C. Chocolate Fest

Chocolate Fest will take place on Saturday, February 20. Opyd asked the members what they would like to see at the event. The group liked the dessert demonstrations; continue to have two demos, possibly different chefs. Spaniak recommended increasing the order of the aprons; it was very popular with children.

E. Date for 2016 Meeting

The group discussed the 2016 dates for Community Relations meetings and the dates of events.

Meetings for 2016

*Meetings will be held at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room

January 4

February 1

March 7

April 4

May 2

June 6

July 3 will be used to decorate the float

August 1

September 12, meeting be held closer to Fall Fest

October 3

November 7

November 28, meeting to be held closer to Holiday Lights

2016 Events

Chocolate Fest February 20, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Rail Fest May 21, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Art and Garden June 10 and 11, 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM

July 4 Parade step off at 10:00 AM

Homewood's Block Party August 20

Fall Fest September 17, 11:00 Am to 10:00PM

Hobo Night October 8, 6:30 PM to 8:30PM

Holiday Lights December 2, time to be determined

Noon Year's Eve Day, December 31, 10:30 AM doors open, 11:00 AM entertainment begins, Noon balloon drop.

Additional Village Events

Indoor Farmers Market: January 30, February 27, March 26, and April 30

Outdoor Farmers Market: May 28 until October 8

Driving the Dixie: June 18

National Night Out: August 2

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Indoor Farmers Market to start January 30 at Marie Irwin Center

NEXT MEETING: Monday January 4, 2016

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:40 PM a motion was made by Roundtree and seconded by Spaniak to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,
Allisa Opyd
Events Manager, Staff Liaison