



Village of Homewood
Community Relations Commission
Minutes from November 2, 2020

Village Board Room
2020 Chestnut
Homewood, IL 60430

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM, by Chairman Phil Kosanovich

ROLL CALL: The meeting was held via Zoom, due to shelter in place executive order. Members present were Phil Kosanovich, Shannon Olison, Robert Pascarella, Troy O'Quin, and Keith Harris.

In attendance from the Village Board, Trustee Lauren Roman. Village Staff Liaisons in attendance, Jennifer Quirke and Allisa Opyd.

Not in Attendance: Andre Thames, Heather O'Malley, Ardell Roundtree, Nancy Spaniak, Tom Hamilton, Gianni Sansone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was put forth by O'Quin to approve the October 5, 2020 minutes, Pascarella second the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:**A. Community Relations Committee Review**

Chairperson Kosanovich asked for all members participating in the Zoom meeting to give an update on themselves and their families during this time of shelter in order, because of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Each member gave their personal update to the group.

B. Village Update

Quirke reviewed community updates with the committee.

- Chicago is bracing for more riots; however, Homewood has not received any information that the southland communities should prepare as well.
- Trick or Treating in Homewood was a success. Residents kept their distance and wore masks while trick or treating and handing out candy. Many commented how great it was to see the police driving around the neighborhoods.
- Virtual holiday tree lighting on December 4. A video will be pre-recorded of the tree lighting, and then on December 4, at 7:00 pm the video will be released on the HF Park district Facebook page. Committee member O'Quin's daughter, Abigale had an idea to promote all residents should turn their lights on at the same time as the tree lighting in Irwin Park, "Light up Homewood".
- The Village will create a Frosty the Snowman book walk in the Triumph windows, along Martin Avenue and Ridge Road. The Village will give free Frosty the Snowman books at Bookies. In the past, Village gives free books at Miracle on Martin; however, the event was

cancelled for 2020. Olison suggested the Village work with Caryn Becker, at the Park District; she has implemented book walks in the parks. Opyd will follow-up with Caryn.

C. Homewood for the Holidays

Home Decorating Contest

All holiday events have been cancelled; however, the village will host safe holiday experiences. Since the Halloween decorating contest was a success, the Village will host a holiday decorating contest. The committee offered additional ideas for the contest.

- Have additional judges, other than just the Community Relations Committee.
- Have participants submit a 30-second video of their decorations, just in case there is inclement weather.
- Let neighborhoods submit as one entry.

More Activities

- Book Walk, December 5 through January 6.
- Homewood holiday souvenir mugs, the Village is working with the HBA to have the businesses sell the mugs on December 5.
- Homewood Business Association I Spy windows December 5 and 6.
- Ice Sculpture stroll on Saturday, December 12.
- Zoom Year's Eve, a virtual event, partnered with the HF Park District, and Village of Flossmoor.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 7, at 7:00PM

ADJOURNMENT: O'Quin put forth a motion to adjourn the meeting and Pascarella second the motion.

Respectfully submitted,
Allisa Opyd