

Homer Community Festival Committee

Minutes of the Meeting on
January 19, 2021

**Village of Homer Glen
14240 W. 151st Street
Village Board Room**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Vice-Chair Chris Locacius.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call; Establish Quorum

Members present at 6:05 p.m. were Chairperson Trustee Carlo Caprio, Vice-Chair Chris Locacius, Karen Adamczyk, Dave Bricker, Mike De Vivo, Tony Drabik, Todd Fonfara, Paul McGary, Sara Rudnik, and Sue Steilen.

Members absent: Debbie Stevens

Also Present: Communications and Recreation Services Coordinator Amy Blank, Facilities Manager John Robinson, and Lt. Jim Holuj.

4. Approval of Amendments to the Agenda

None.

5. Approval of Minutes

a. November 17, 2020

Member Adamczyk made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 17, 2020. Second was made by Member Drabik. All were in favor. Motion carried.

6. Public Comment

None.

7. Announcements

None.

8. Old Business

a. Parking and Pedestrian Pathways Update

No update was given.

b. Discussion regarding 2021 HomerFest Planning and 20th Anniversary

Concerns about possible cancellation due to COVID-19. The festival can't be held effectively while practicing social distancing. The event will be an all or nothing event. Committee member contacts will follow up with the carnival, bands, tent rental, and other vendors to determine how far in advance a cancellation decision would need to be made. Planning will continue as if there will be no cancelling of the event. The 20th Anniversary activities may be decided separately from any cancellations for the Fest.

1. Site Planning

Nothing new to discuss.

2. Power and Lighting

Member Fonfara obtained a quote of \$4,692.00 for generators and power equipment from Altorfer Power Systems. He will put a temporary reserve on the generators. The budget for power and lighting is \$8,000. Fuel, lighting, air conditioning for the ticket booths, and other supply needs will need to be purchased.

3. Fireworks Theme

Vice-Chair Locacius reported he, Trustee Caprio, member Steilen, member Bricker, and Amy Blank met with Peter Rogoz from Ace Pyro to discuss the song selections. The list of songs was included in the packet. Two weeks before the Fest, the movie *Top Gun 2* will be released. The show will be opened with the theme from *Top Gun* and end with the song from *Top Gun 2*. Vice-Chair Locacius will send the soundtrack out to Committee members.

Seven theme suggestions had been submitted and sent to Committee members for consideration.

Vice-Chair Locacius made a motion that "Homer Glen Takes Flight" be the theme for the 2021 HomerFest; second was made by Trustee Caprio. All were in favor, motion passed.

4. Beer Tent

a. Review Beverage Options

Member Drabik presented a list of beverage choices. The vendor has not finalized the pricing. Committee members were asked to review the choices in the packet. Pricing will be available next month, and choices will be made at that time. Vice-Chair Locacius recommended reducing the amount of wine because the wines did not sell that well.

b. Basset Training

Carlo Caprio, Chris Locacius, Tony Drabik, Sue Steilen and Amy Blank will attend the training. The class will also be open to members of the volunteer

organizations working in the tent, and local business will also be able to send their employees to the training as space permits. The preferred time and date for the training class was the morning of Monday, May 10. Member Steilen will contact the training company.

5. Volunteers

Committee members were asked to identify when and where volunteers will be needed. Since it will be emphasized that volunteers should not come if they recognize any symptoms of being sick, the number of volunteers needed will be increased. Volunteer temperatures will be taken at the event. Procedures will be created based on the needs and restrictions at the time of the Fest.

Member Steilen will include a draft volunteer schedule in the February meeting packet for discussion at the meeting.

Special Needs Day will be discussed at the meeting in February.

6. Update from Committee Members

Vice-Chair Locacius reported that he and Carlo were interviewed for an article in the January 14 issue of a new local paper, *Southland Your Times*. The article featured two pages of photos and promotion for HomerFest. A copy or link of the article will be sent to Committee members.

Member Steilen reported the food vendor information packets have been sent to all restaurants in Homer Glen and previous food vendors. Kenootz Pizza has said they would like to return as a food vendor. Eight food vendors will be selected.

Member Steilen received a quote from Rolling R for the golf carts and people movers. There was concern about the golf carts having lights. Member Steilen will check on the status of lights for the golf carts. If there are none, something will be created.

9. New Business

None.

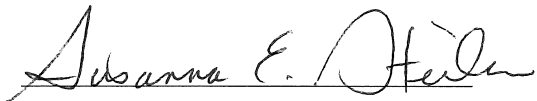
10. Next Meeting – February 16, 2021

The next meeting will be held February 16, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment

Member Drabik made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second was made by Member McGary. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Steilen". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Sue Steilen
Community Relations Coordinator
Village of Homer Glen