

# Homer Community Festival Committee

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Minutes of the Meeting on  
April 6, 2022

**Village of Homer Glen  
14240 W. 151<sup>st</sup> Street  
Community Room**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Fialko.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Roll Call; Establish Quorum**

Members present at 5:30 p.m. were Chairman Dan Fialko, Karen Adamczyk, Mike Carlson, Tony Drabik (left at 6:20), Ethan Fialko, Mark Gawron, Carmen Maurella, Paul McGary, Sue Steilen, Debbie Stevens, and John Walters.

Members absent: Co-Chair RubenPazmino, Sara Rudnik.

Also Present: Trustee Rose Reynders, Public Works Director Brent Woods, Lt. Jeff Taylor (left at 5:56), Vicki Bozen, Dan Mulka (HCBA Executive Director), Jeff Hawthorne (HCBA President). Dave Bricker arrived at 5:38.

**4. Approval of Amendments to the Agenda**

Item 8.a.7 Sponsors Update was moved to come after item 8.a.1 Parking Plan Update.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

a. March 2, 2022

Member Drabik made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2022, meeting. Second was made by Member Adamczyk. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. Public Comment**

None.

**7. Announcements**

None.

**8. Old Business**

a. 2022 HomerFest Planning

1. Parking Plan Update

Public Works Director Woods reviewed his parking plan. The plan may change due to staffing levels. The lots will open sequentially. After the lots are full, his crew will be patrolling the lots for trash throughout the night. The Sheriff's

Auxiliary will be stationed at the five parking lot entrances as needed. The Oak Prairie School lot will serve as a backup if needed. Member Steilen is working on getting buses for standby. The farm lot will be utilized and added to the plan.

Lt. Taylor requested that some spots be designated for his vehicles to have quick in and out access.

Chairman Fialko requested cones and ropes be set up by the house on the corner of Eagle Ridge and 151<sup>st</sup> to help keep people from cutting across the resident's lawn.

(7). Sponsors Update

Coors has approached the Village about becoming a sponsor. Their products are aligned with Miller Brewing. The distributor for Miller is Kozol Brothers. Coors is offering \$5,000, while Lakeshore only offers \$3,000. However, Lakeshore provides barbacks and other services that Kozol Brothers does not. Member Drabik would prefer to stick with Lakeshore. Vicki Bozen knows the representative at Goose Island. She will contact them and find out about getting some swag to hand out at the Fest.

Member Drabik is waiting to find out if screw top aluminum bottles will be available.

For people who do not like beer or can't tolerate gluten, Red, White, and Berry will be added to the beverage choices, and margaritas will also be available (supplied by Rubi Agave).

2. Site Planning and Layout

Member Gawron reviewed the site layout. The beer truck will be moved as close as possible to the tent. The plan for garbage is to use the toters supplied by Homewood Disposal and swap them out as they fill up. Two ticket booths will be used inside the tent and setup on the south wall facing the stage. The tent size will be 80'x180' and enlarged if presale of mega passes indicates a large crowd.

The porta potties are to be moved further away from the information booth. Trustee Reynders does not need a tent for the Craft Services. It will be located in the Community Room again. She will need parking by the three posts in front of the Village Hall near the Sheriff's substation side. Cement barriers will be used in place of the orange plastic fencing near the entertainment tent.

HCBA will have a 30'x30' tent to the southeast of the entertainment tent. The Cigar Bar will have a 20'x20' tent located on the east side of the entertainment

tent. The Family Tent in the Kiddie area was reoriented to the south side of the area because of drainage concerns.

The boundary area for alcohol will be the south side walk and the pathways on each side of the entertainment area. The northern boundary will be back end of the tent. "No alcohol beyond this point" signs will be placed on the cement barriers. There was discussion about how food vendors could serve from both sides or only one side and still service the beer tent customers that want to have their beer while waiting in line, while also be able to service customers from the carnival. Trustee Fialko will talk to Lt. Taylor about control of the alcohol boundary.

Member Maurella and Dave Bricker will walk the area of the fireworks and work on the emergency preparedness plan. John Robinson will provide Member Maurella with the fireworks show and safety zone diagram.

### 3. Food Vendor Update

Pelican Harry's wants to be the exclusive pulled pork sandwich vendor. Smokin'z BBQ said that the pulled pork sandwich is about 30% of their business. If they are unable to sell the pulled pork sandwich, they may need to pull out. Since Pelican Harry's is a Homer Glen business, they will be the exclusive vendor of pulled pork sandwiches. Smokin'z will just have to decide whether or not to be a vendor. Two other vendors have been added since the last minute. A new business has purchased the Kenootz Pizza location. The new restaurant will sell chicken and shrimp at the Fest. Rustic Knead will also be returning to sell their sandwiches.

Papa Joe's and Joeys Red Hots will be providing free items for families at Special Needs Day.

### 4. HCBA

Dan Mulka and Jeff Hawthorne discussed their plans for the HCBA tent. The organization does not have a lot of money to spend. They will not do t-shirts again this year. Some of their activities will include:

- Face Painting
- Wood cut outs for photo opportunities
- Community Mural
- Games
- Giveaways

HCBA will be at the Fest for four days. Their sponsorship offerings will be different from the Fest offerings. They will offer digital advertising and other promotion that won't compete with the Fest. Member Steilen will work out sponsorship details with HCBA. They need to know the cost of their tent. Member Steilen will follow up with Dan Mulka.

5. T-Shirt Design Selection

The Committee agreed by consensus to have Amy Blank and Member Steilen to come up with the t-shirt design. Dan Mulka suggested a social media vote to decide on the design. MD will be placed on the sleeve in memory of Mike De Vivo.

6. Volunteer Organization Selection for Beer Tent

Member Steilen reported only two applications have been received: Homer Glen Junior Woman’s Club and Homer Cares/Ability Awareness Committee. A total of five spots need to be filled. Thursday night was given to the Homer Glen Junior Woman’s Club. Friday night was given to Homer Cares/Ability Awareness Committee. There are two spots on Saturday and one on Sunday remaining to be filled. Member Stevens has been in contact with the Stallions, and they are interested in volunteering. The gymnastics group from last year and the Young PTO are also interested. Member Carlson suggested reaching out to the Lockport Junior Porters. He will contact them. Trustee Reynders suggested reaching out to the new soccer organization.

7. Sponsors Update

*Continued from above.* RE/MAX can have a few minutes on the stage between sets. Mike Carlson stressed that the bands can’t be interrupted to do raffle announcements during the sets. Trustee Reynders has a contact for Pepsi. Chairman Fialko has suggested reaching out to WXRT. The present sponsorship total is \$17,000. Tazza Italian Ristorante will be a sponsor.

8. Parade Update

Trustee Reynders reported the parade will be starting a half hour earlier this year. It will start at 10:30 a.m. instead of 11:00 a.m. The rain date will be Sunday.

9. Committee Member Updates

Chairman Fialko reported all the bands have been secured. The schedule is as follows:

DJ Mic and the Drums (s&m)	Thursday	5:00 - 6:00
Hoodwink'd	Thursday	6:00 - 8:00
DJ Mic and the Drums (s&m)	Thursday	8:00 - 8:30
Boy Band Night	Thursday	8:30 - 11:00
Fake ID	Friday	4:30 - 6:30
Everett Dean	Friday	7:00 - 9:00
7th Heaven	Friday	9:30 - 11:30
Could've Would've Should've	Saturday	2:00 - 4:00
Nate Venterelli	Saturday	4:30 - 6:30

Eliminator	Saturday	7:00 - 9:00
Anthem Chicago	Saturday	9:30 - 11:30
Metro Star Orchestra	Sunday	3:30 - 5:30
The Chicago Experience	Sunday	6:00 -8:00

The band total came in \$7,300 under budget.

Elite Dance Academy has a time slot on Sunday from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Their sound requirements are needed to determine how they can be provided. Member Steilen will contact Elite.

Member Adamczyk reported the Will County Sheriff's will bring their scent dogs on Ability Awareness/Special Needs Day.

Member Maurella will get together with Dave Bricker this week to work on the Emergency Awareness plan.

Member Mc Gary will work with Member Gawron on the location for the supply trailer.

Rose Reynders reported Marcia De Vivo will be working with her in the Craft Services room this year.

Member Gawron will continue to work on diagrams and start on assisting with sponsorships.

Member Fialko will project the flag on the tent behind the band instead of needing to hang an actual flag. He is getting screens/monitors and is looking for a way to mount them. Sponsors may be displayed on the screens.

## **9. New Business**

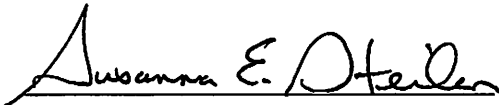
## **10. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be May 4. At the meeting, a date will be determined for a second May meeting.

## **11. Adjournment**

Member Adamczyk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second was made by Member McGary. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sue Steilen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Sue Steilen  
Community Events Coordinator  
Village of Homer Glen