

# Community Development Committee

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Minutes of the Meeting on  
April 22, 2025

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

**1. Call to Order**

The 6:30 pm meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by Chairman Steilen after a quorum was established.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Roll Call; Establish Quorum**

Members present: Chair Sue Steilen, Vice Chair Dan Kenney (arrived at 6:40pm), John McGary, Paul McGary, Laura Elkins, Jody Olivieri.

Members absent: Ken Marcin

Also Present: Staff Liaison Brittany Parra, Communications Coordinator Amy Blank and EMA Director Ron Kus.

**4. Amendments to the Agenda**

There was a motion to move 8d to 8a, Member P.McGary was first and Member Elkins seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**5. Approval of Agenda**

**6. Public Comment**

None

**7. Approval of Minutes**

**8. Old Business and Possible Action**

a. Parade/ Family Fun Day

Chair Steilen encouraged Coordinator Blank to reach out to parade participants as soon as possible, especially those that are school related (marching bands) because of summer break. The application is up on the website and what comes next is social media blasts. It was discussed that the list of participants from last year will be brought to the next meeting. Coordinator Blank reached out to a RC company, she mentioned there is a wait due to the insurance issues, waiting on a rider (in limbo). Coordinator Blank wants a bouncy house for this day to keep everyone occupied. Food trucks are booked, and Ruby Whiskers will be invited back for animal shelters. Member McGary inquired about renting out tennis and pickleball equipment again, Coordinator Blank said Director Waddick will not be doing that this year. Chair Steilen inquired if Member Olivieri requires COI's for their library events, in which Member Olivieri said no.

b. 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary

The committee wanted to brainstorm for the celebration next year. Chair Steilen suggested a comparison between the years, growth and compare goals. It is a work in progress for ideas.

c. Community Garage Sale

Coordinator Blank shared an update on signage redesign and asked for opinions. Chair Steilen did not care for the coloring of the signs. Member Olivieri agreed that the sign may blend in with the grass and it should be changed. Member McGary asked to remove the name seller from the signs. Coordinator Blank said she will update with suggestions and start advertising.

d. Spring Newsletter

Coordinator Blank said she did not start it yet but had great ideas from the last meeting.

**9. New Business**

a. Memorial Day

Chair Steilen asked if anyone has heard anything about Memorial Day events. Chair Steilen also mentioned in the past she looked into the history of people who have served (residents) and had their names on the website as a way to honor our military. Chair Steilen asked about the status of the hometown hero banners, and Coordinator Blank said people who get a banner are guaranteed two years to have it displayed, and based on availability and condition of banner, they will decide from there if they will have more time.

b. Social Media Policy

Chair Steilen wanted to ask what qualifications we look for to post for community organizations (for an eventual calendar). The Channel 6 SOP and general social media SOP were presented for discussion, in an attempt to see if policies should be modified or combined. Liaison Parra responded to Chair Steilen's concern for Channel 6 and its lack of viewers. It was discussed to take content from Channel 6 and put it on YouTube and share it on Facebook. Member P. McGary asked if Coordinator Blank could include in the newsletter a list of the official Village social media pages for clarification since there are so many outside groups with Homer Glen in the name. Coordinator Blank shared that she is in the process of getting a blue checkmark for the official Facebook page. Coordinator Blank also recapped the rules for the community calendar. A restaurant list is also now available on our website, and Liaison Parra said it would be a good idea to take a photo of a dish from each place.

c. Homer History

Chair Steilen said that history would fall onto the Environment Committee before. However, Chair Steilen asked if history should be a committee in itself or blended into the current Community Development Committee, in order to bolster community pride. Member P. McGary said information should be gathered before a decision can be made.

Vice-Chair Kenney suggested an archivist, and to get stories before they are gone (talk to oldest residents). The overall feel was that this type of history should be a separate committee.

**10. Announcements/Committee Members Communication**

The future of the committee was discussed. Chair Steilen asked if a staff member should chair, or a board member. Coordinator Blank said this committee feels like what the event department does. It was brought up that it seems like trustees aren't chairing committees anymore, and Vice-Chair Kenney said how does anything get moved to the board if there is that disconnect. Coordinator Blank said it sometimes feels like double work for staff. Chair Steilen views all committees as a focus group.

**11. Adjournment**

Member P. McGary motioned to adjourn at 7:55 pm, seconded by Member J. McGary. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:



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