

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



MEETING MINUTES

DATE OF MEETING: **OCTOBER 1, 2026**

Appearance Commission

6:00 pm

Village Hall Board Room
2020 Chestnut Street
Homewood, IL 60430

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Hrymak called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Members Scheffke, Banks, Kluck, and Chair Hrymak were present.

In attendance from Village staff were Noah Schumerth Director of Economic and Community Development and Darlene Leonard, Building Department Administrative Secretary. There was 1 member of the public in attendance, there was no one of the public attending virtually.

AYES: 4 (Members Banks, Scheffke, Kluck, & Chair Hrymak)

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

ABSENT: 3 (Members Quirke, Preston, & Gonser)

Chair Hrymak stated he had heard there is a new Assistant Director.

Director Schumerth stated yes. Danielle Stewart started the day before and comes from Pinellas Park, Florida.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Chair Hrymak stated the minutes from the August meeting do not have a quorum and will be postponed unless Member Quirke arrives. They can be continued to the next meeting.

The minutes for the September meeting do not have enough Members in attendance and will also be continued to the next meeting unless Member Quirke arrives.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chair Hrymak asked if there were any public comments. There were no public comments.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

Case 26-55: Appearance review for pylon sign proposed at 17855 Halsted Street:

Chair Hrymak introduced the case.

Director Schumerth stated 7 Brews has several signs being installed. The wall signage didn't need an Appearance Review. This is for the proposed pylon sign. The location is to be determined. The existing pylon sign is for four businesses.

John Streer of Doyle Signs, stated the sign is not exactly the same dimension, but is the same area and will be using the same foundation. It will have an illuminated cabinet, blue neon, and banding around the sign. The graphics are what are illuminated. Pattison is creating the sign and his company is installing it.

Member Kluck asked if the pole will be repainted.

- **Mr. Streer stated he is not sure if it's in the scope, but will make sure it happens.**

Member Scheffke stated he had no questions and added that the neon is a nice touch.

Member Banks asked if the 20-feet is the same or similar to the existing sign.

- **Mr. Streer stated it may be taller, the cabinet is 17-feet.**

Chair Hrymak asked if it will be in the same location or a different one.

- **Mr. Streer stated in the same location.**

A motion to approve Case 26-55, Appearance Review for Case 26-55, by Member Scheffke; seconded by Member Kluck.

AYES: 4 (Members Banks, Scheffke, Kluck, & Chair Hrymak)

NAYES: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

ABSENT: 3 (Members Quirke, Preston, & Gonser)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Chair Hrymak stated it was brought up before if the applicant must be present; and asked if it's still that way or if it can be reviewed and voted on.

Director Schumerth stated there is no ordinance specifically requiring it. Only with the Planning and Zoning Commission is it's a legal requirement. But he can discuss it with the Village Attorney. There is no legal requirement, but it is strongly recommended. It is up to the discretion of the Commission.

Member Banks asked if there has ever been a presentation when the applicant wasn't present for questions.

Chair Hrymak stated no.

Member Scheffke stated it works in the best interest of the applicant. If they do not show, then it's a "deal with what is in front of you".

Chair Hrymak stated it is an inconvenience to the Commission.

Director Schumerth stated they recommend blocking off the first Thursday of the month for the meeting.

Member Scheffke stated it's disliked when they don't show up because then the expectation is that it would be rescheduled.

Member Banks stated the vote could happen if they are there or not and they can dislike it.

Chair Hrymak stated it's practice not policy.

Director Schumerth stated this is why the applicant is wanted to be there. It is considered best practice to require the applicant be present.

Member Kluck stated asked if there could be complains if the vote is no.

Director Schumerth stated there could be some push back and would then be brought back for review at additional meetings as a new agenda item.

Member Banks asked if applicants are told attendance is required or preferred.

Director Schumerth stated they get an email from Staff that they are on the agenda with the date and time and it says they are required to attend or provide the name of the person that is attending on their behalf.

Chair Hrymak asked if the Metra substation will still be constructed because of the viaduct construction.

Director Schumerth stated it's not being done until next year. It's still in the bid process and it's still in process to get the small section of Village land.

Chair Hrymak asked about the Wishing Tree.

Director Schumerth stated they got Village Board approval last month and are moving forward. There is hope to do it with Fall Fest.

Chair Hrymak asked about 2124 183rd, across from Lassen's.

Director Schumerth stated he would have to go back and look at the time line. There are a couple last items needed to be provided.

Member Scheffke stated he did see work being done.

Director Schumerth stated that interior demo work was done.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Schumerth stated the new Assistant Director will be doing the reviews, etc.

There will commission training for the Planning & Zoning Commission on October 22. The Appearance Commission is welcome to attend. The training will be for anyone.

Chair Hrymak asked if it's at 6pm.

Director Schumerth stated it's at 6:30 pm.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Member Banks; seconded by Member Scheffke.

AYES: 4 (Members Banks, Scheffke, Kluck, & Chair Hrymak)

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

ABSENT: 3 (Members Quirke, Preston, & Gonser)

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Leonard

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Administrative Secretary