

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



ANNUAL REPORT | 2023 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

PURPOSE

The Economic Development Committee assists the Village and Economic and Community Development Director with economic development initiatives in Homewood. Committee members serve as ambassadors for the Village by assisting with community events, making new business visits, and providing feedback to the staff regarding various economic development initiatives throughout the year. The two major events that the Committee sponsors are the bi-annual spring business breakfast and Holiday Lights in December. The Committee is committed to working individually and collectively on retaining and developing a positive business environment that will enhance the quality of life for Homewood residents.

MEMBERSHIP: 7 Member Commission

Member	Position	Appointment	Term Expiration
Terry Keigher	Chair	01/09/2007	08/09/2024
Philip Mason	Member	04/09/2019	04/11/2025
Craig Schmidt	Member	07/14/2015	08/09/2024
Philip Kosanovich	Member	04/09/2019	08/22/2025
Valerie Warnsby	Member	01/14/2020	01/10/2025
Barbara Dawkins	Member	11/09/2021	10/24/2025
Margaret O'Brien	Member	06/14/2022	06/14/2024
Rich Hofeld	Board Liaison		

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Meetings Held	Meetings Cancelled
January 17, 2023	May 9, 2023
February 28, 2023	July 11, 2023
March 16, 2023	
September 14, 2023	
November 14, 2023	

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Business Breakfast

The Village of Homewood EDC hosted its bi-annual Spring Business Breakfast at Ravisloe Country Club, Thursday, April 13, 2023, from 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM. This breakfast is an opportunity for local businesses to network and to stay informed. It is also a way for new and prospective businesses to learn about Homewood and what it means to be a part of our community. The event was sponsored by Wind Creek Chicago Southland casino. Nearly 150 representatives from business and government attended. Terry

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Keigher, Chair of the Economic Development Committee provided an introduction, Wind Creek Casino was the guest keynote speaker and Village President Rich Hofeld gave the Homewood Economic Development Update.

Holiday Lights

The annual Holiday Lights event was held on Friday, December 1st. Committee members volunteered for mulled wine sales.