



Wauwatosa, WI

Civic Celebration Commission

Meeting Minutes - Final

7725 W. North Avenue
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Thursday, January 25, 2024

7:00 PM

Committee Room #1

Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Brunow called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present 10 Member, Chair Robert Brunow
Member Edward Bearden
Member Michael Bolt
Member Melissa Dolan
Member Diana Higgenbottom
Member Sara Leonhardt
Member Dan Lofy
Member Pat Premetz
Member Brit Swisher
Member Jamie Swisher

Excused 3 Member Mike Anich
Member Roslynn Pedracine
Member Wendy Venske

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes of the October 26, 2023, regular meeting

[24-0117](#)

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Jamie Swisher

SECONDER: Sara Leonhardt

NEW BUSINESS

1. Current Assignments

[24-0118](#)

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

2. Discuss and finalize 2024 parade route [24-0090](#)
 - A. Chief MacGillis shared the Police Department's recommendation to use the 2023 parade route due to security concerns and staffing shortages. Discussion was had and a motion was made by Dan Lofy and seconded by Pat Premetz to use the 2023 route. Motion passed. Commission members discussed set up problems at Hoyt Pool and Sgt. Morrill brought up staging suggestions. Tabled to February meeting. Dan Lofy will communicate with

Eva Ennamorato regarding publicizing new information to the public.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Dan Lofy

SECONDER: Pat Premetz

3. Discuss and finalize date for the firework program [24-0091](#)
A. After discussion regarding security and staffing issues with the police department, it was determined there cannot be fireworks on the 4th of July. Melissa Dolan made a motion to partner with Tosa Tonight on August 7 for a Civic Celebration sponsored concert in the Rotary Stage with fireworks to follow. This will complement the already planned Tosa's Night Out. Motion seconded by Jamie Swisher. Motion passed. Melissa Dolan made a motion to have a rain date for the same the following Wednesday. Dan Lofy seconded the motion. Motion passed. Tosa Tonight will go forward with an already contracted performance on the Rotary Stage on July 4 without fireworks. Communication with the public on these date changes is vital
- RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY
4. Public comments concerning parade and fireworks [24-0115](#)
None
5. Directing members who organize events to present their budget in February [24-0116](#)
A. Chair Brunow asked that budgets be submitted at the February 2024 meeting
- RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY
6. Discuss the 2024 parade theme [24-0092](#)
A. Dan Lofy suggested "Honoring our first responders" as our 2024 theme, along with ideas for units to invite. Motion was made by Jamie Swisher to accept the theme, seconded by Sara Leonhardt. Motion passed.
- RESULT:** APPROVED
MOVER: Jamie Swisher
SECONDER: Sara Leonhardt
7. Discuss 2024 job assignments [24-0093](#)
A. See item # 8 - Directors reports
8. Directors reports [24-0094](#)
Memorial Day - Mike Anich - No report
Treasurer's Report - Sara Leonhardt - No report
Parade - Dan Lofy and Alexander Bearden - See item # 2
Afternoon program - Pat Premetz - No report

Evening report - Jamie and Brit Swisher - See item # 3
Fireworks - Bob Brunow - Fireworks representative will come February meeting to discuss new launching procedures additional costs
Flyers/PR/Advertising - No report
Photographer - Dan Lofy - No report
Flags - Lori Murphy - No report
Fundraising - Brit Swisher - No report
Judging/Awards - Dan Lofy - No report
Permits/Support Services (Port-O-Johns, Radios) & Breakfast - Wendy Venske - No report
Volunteer Coordinator - Sara Leonhardt - No report
Mayfair Contacts & Insurance - Bob Brunow - No report
Signs & Golf Carts - Alexander Bearden - No report
Cars - Mike Morgan - No report
Contacts with officials - Bob Brunow and Mike Morgan - No report
Floats - Alexander Bearden - No report
Traffic - Bob Brunow and Brit Swisher - No report

RESULT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY

9. Future agenda items for next meeting
- A. Director's budgets
 - B. Fireworks representative
 - C. Staging suggestions at Hoyt Pool

[24-0096](#)

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.