

**Village of Downers Grove  
Community Events Commission**

Committee Room, Village Hall

Monday, February 12, 2001

7:30 p.m.

Chairman Pro Tem Patti Marino called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

**Commission Members Present:** Grace Beggs, Paul Bleuher, Ed Bunting, Dave Dahm, Susan Dunlap, Mike Kubes, Patti Marino, Ellen Pendola

**Staff Present:** Denise Williamsen absent, Mary Scalzetti, Jenny Bielawski, Laura Kestelik and Audrey Priorello

**Commission Members Absent:** Chairman Mike Gilbert, Dave Humphreys, Marjie Kremer, Kathy Nybo, Jim Parthun, Pat Winter

**Student Representatives:** Kristin Paulson-absent

**Ex-officio members:** Sgt. Pam Church-present, Sgt. Dean Kalmar-present

**I. Visitors**

Chairman Pro Tem Patti Marino welcomed Dave Weiher from Chuck's Gourmet Market.

**II. Minutes**

The minutes from the January 8, 2001 meeting were approved as submitted.

**III. Presentation/Approval Items**

Outside Cleaning Service - Ms. Scalzetti reported that Clean Sweep's price would not exceed a 2% increase over last year's price, therefore, according to last year's contract we will not go out to bid and Clean Sweep will be the cleaning service for this year's festival. This will include a perimeter cleaning. Members of the commission were in agreement.

**IV. Committee Reports**

Car Show – Mr. Bunting reported the location of the Car Show will be north of the tracks encompassing the bus turn around, Parking Lot J, Warren from Main to Highland and east of Highland if necessary, and Rogers between Main and Highland. Ms. Priorello reported that she met with the DJ 3D Sound at the car show site and she spoke with Bill Wilt from the cable TV show Motorsports. She reported that Mr. Wilt charges \$500 for an appearance and brings showgirls with him to enhance the show, for this reason staff does not recommend inviting him, as this is a family festival.

Community Grants – Ms. Beggs reported that the committee met in January and will meet again April 28 to consider all the applications received. All applications are due April 2. Ms. Scalzetti noted that the applications are in the process of being printed and will be mailed as soon as possible.

Entertainment – Ms. Scalzetti reported that the schedule is nearly complete with the main acts, Ides of March, The Fixx and The Buckinghams secure. The final schedule will be available at the next meeting.

Parade – Mr. Kubes reported that the committee decided on a goal statement, which will remain the same as previous years, a spokesperson and set future meeting dates. He reported that the committee was in agreement that the 2000 parade was successful with the exception of the water guns. The committee decided to amend the application to state that no water guns will be allowed at the parade. There will also be signs posted along the parade route prohibiting the use of water guns. The police department will be advised to enforce this rule. Ms. Scalzetti read a letter from absent member Mr. Humphreys supporting the ban of water guns at the parade. Mr. Kubes reported the new parade route would start at the YMCA heading westbound on 59<sup>th</sup> Street to Hillcrest School on Dunham Road which is exactly nine tenths of a mile. The Parade Committee has also suggested inviting vendors to sell refreshments at the parade. Members of the commission were in agreement as to the new parade route and the banning of water guns.

Safety/Traffic – Ms. Pendola reported that Burlington Northern would provide one police officer for one day during the festival. She also noted that the committee needs to know the time and location of the fireworks. Ms. Scalzetti reported that Richard Berndt from Fire Prevention is in the process of investigating the potential sites for the fireworks.

Souvenir – Mr. Bleuher reported that there is a lot of inventory left over from last year with the exception of men's golf shirts and khaki caps. The committee decided to purchase men's golf shirts, bathing suit cover-ups, khaki caps, and floppy hats. He also noted that Ms. Williamsen suggested ordering the grey with maroon staff shirts so that each person would have three shirts to wear. He reported that the commission shirts would remain the same, lightweight yellow.

Street Fair – Ms. Pendola reported that Mr. Humphreys noted the decline in booth participation and suggested that the vendors who participated in 1999 and not in 2000 be invited back in addition to those that participated last year. She also noted that staff would invite the new businesses in town that are listed in the Chamber News. The Street Fair Rules and Regulations are in the process of being revised. Mr. Kubes noted the committee suggested highlighting the changes in the rules and regulations so that participants can easily note the changes.

## **V. Staff Report**

Update on mailings – Ms. Scalzetti reported that the sponsorship information has been mailed and we have already received several responses. The CBD mailing will be sent as soon as a decision is made by the Village Manager and Public Works as to the street closings. The Art Show mailing has been sent, and the Street Fair applications will go out within the next week.

Appreciation Picnic location change – Ms. Scalzetti reported that the location of the appreciation picnic has been changed from Hummer Park to McCollum Park.

Update on Fireworks Table Party – Ms. Scalzetti presented a map of the Pool-A-Rama parking area. The committee discussed the placement of the 50 tables, stage, barricades, porta-a-potties and parking for the participants. Pool-A-Rama is supportive of the table party, however Flooring America is not. Ms. Scalzetti reported that two bands will be hired, one to perform before the fireworks and one after.

## **VI. Old Business**

None was discussed.

## **VII. New Business**

Dave Weiher – Mr. Weiher from Chucks' Gourmet Market expressed his concern on the construction and street closures, specifically Washington Street, as related to Heritage Festival Weekend. He is concerned that access to the parking area behind Grove Premium will be eliminated with the closure of Main Street and Washington to Maple. Ms. Scalzetti explained that although there was no set decision regarding street closures, there would be access to this parking area.

DGS Baseball Boosters Home Run Derby Contest – Ms. Scalzetti reported that the Downers Grove Baseball Boosters is interested in having a Home Run Derby Contest at Downers Grove South High School the weekend of the Heritage Festival. They would like their event to be a part of Heritage Festival. A representative from this organization was to be present at this meeting. Hopefully they will be at the next meeting to discuss their proposed plan.

**Adjournment** - With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.