

**COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMISSION**  
**Thursday April 29, 2021**  
**5:30 P.M.**  
**VILLAGE HALL-COMMITTEE ROOM**  
  
**801 BURLINGTON AVENUE**  
**DOWNERS GROVE, IL**

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**PRESENT: Nicole Szydowski, John Aguzino, Soraya Faber, Michael Kubes and DJ Fiore**

**STAFF: Jennifer Rizzo, Emily Tompkins**

**ABSENT: Michael Puzen**

Ms. Nicole Szydowski called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**I. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2020 MINUTES**

Mr. Michael Kubes made a motion to approve the February 13, 2020 minutes. The motion was second by Ms. Soraya Faber and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Jennifer Rizzo began with the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and introducing Mr. Mike Baker, Deputy Village Manager. Mr. Baker provided a verbal report with background information about the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. The report also detailed the Village's role as it relates to public safety and COVID 19. Mr. Baker explained that we are currently in Phase 4 of COVID restrictions and Phase 5 would include a lifting of all restrictions after a minimum 28 day "bridge phase" of lesser restrictions. Mr. Baker stated we do not know when we will move to the bridge phase. Mr. Baker explained what challenges there would be having the parade with the current restrictions and stated that the Village does not think that the traditional parade is something that is viable in 2021. Mr. Baker mentioned there will still be fireworks and that the Village is considering a limited parade with only Village vehicles driven through the neighborhoods. Commission members discussed the challenge to maintain COVID 19 guidelines during the parade. Mr. John Aguzino suggested delaying the parade until Labor Day. Mr. Michael Kubes suggested rules on where people can gather to watch the parade. Ms. Faber said that would be difficult to discipline. Mr. Kubes asked what the final day to commit for the parade is. Ms. Rizzo said it would be now: mid to end of April. Mr. Kubes talked about the possibility of doing a Facebook live event for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Mr. DJ Fiore suggested looking at what other communities are doing. Ms. Rizzo stated they came up with the idea for a parade with Village vehicles from another community. Ms. Faber stated the vehicle parade may not be worth the effort if it only appeals to small children. Ms. Nicole Szydowski thinks the parade should be more than just vehicles and is in favor of postponing the parade. Mr. Fiore questioned if there would be enough time to plan for a Labor Day parade. Mr. Baker said it comes down to when we get indications from the State as to when we enter Phase 5.

Ms. Rizzo mentioned the Downtown Market turned their application in late so she took care of it administratively.

Ms. Nicole Szydlowski suggested doing a new survey to judge interest of a Labor Day Parade.

#### **IV. STAFF REPORT**

Ms. Rizzo said the Farmer's Market starts May 8<sup>th</sup> and Rotary has postponed to August but have not applied yet. She said that Oktoberfest has applied for mid-September to secure the date but cannot move forward until we are in Phase 5. Ms. Rizzo also said the car show has been paused. Ms. Szydlowski asked about the Fine Arts Festival and Ms. Rizzo stated it is still being considered by Downtown Management.

#### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Nicole Szydlowski made the motion to adjourn, Ms. Faber second the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.