

MINUTES - Approved

COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMISSION

Thursday August 11, 2022

5:30 P.M.

VILLAGE HALL – COMMITTEE ROOM

801 BURLINGTON AVENUE

DOWNERS GROVE, IL

Present: Nicole Szydlowski, Soraya Faber, John Aguzino, DJ Fiore, Theresa Kulat

Guests: Erin Venezia (Downtown Management), Liz O’Toole, Troy Johnson

(Oktoberfest)

Absent: Michael Puzen, Michael Kubes

Staff: Jennifer Rizzo

Meeting called to order 5:31 pm

Approval of the May 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes – Motion by Soraya Faber, Second by John Aguzino, abstained Theresa Kulat. All in favor, motion passed

No Public Comment

New Business -

- a. Downtown Management – Fine Arts Festival

Ms. Venezia stated that this is the 40th and annual Fine Arts Festival and is scheduled for September 10th & 11th, 11am to 5pm. We will be closing the road Saturday morning. As to avoid a Friday night or closure. It'll be the same layout as previous years rather than on Main Street from Maple until through or Maple to Curtiss. And this year, we have I think 36 artists. So we are coming back from after COVID to increasing our artists. So that's good. And on Saturday night we do have private security.

Ms. Faber asked about the rules with dogs. Ms. Venezia advised that we do not have any rules against which will be a good thing, because the park district will be having on Saturday Dog Days going on at Fishel Park many furry friends So we do not. I most people usually will walk them in like in the morning during setup there's such once it gets crowded, they leave. Ms. Szydlowski asked about musical entertainment. Ms. Venezia stated not this year. This is due to the outdoor patio that is set up in Pocket Park.

Motion to approve – Soraya Faber, Second by DJ Fiore.

b. District 58 Educational Foundation – Oktoberfest

Ms. O'Toole stated that this is our ninth annual Oktoberfest. And we will be at in the forest parking lot and Burlington Avenue between Main and forest on Burlington. So we've eight out of the nine years we've been there last year we were displaced because they redid the parking lot. So now we're back to where we were. Had to make a few minor changes because the parking lots different but nothing that we couldn't is actually better because they got rid of the trees so the way they've done it is actually more festival friendly, which is nice. So we're excited about that. It'll be it'll run Friday and Saturday. We close the street at 5am. Friday morning. And we'll set up. And then we start from 3 pm to 11pm Friday, and then noon to 11pm on Saturday. And we'll have music food, and then we will have our kid's zones, crafts, and games from noon to five.

Ms. Rizzo asked about the entertainment. Ms. O'Toole advised that on Friday it will be the Freddie Jones Band. So a year before they played for us 10 years ago at the Tivoli and they have a great Midwest following and we're all set with security. We're all set with contracts and everything. They're very easy to work with. They're great. Honestly, the easiest band we've worked with so far. Ms. Faber asked about the food. Ms. O'Toole stated that Cadence, Foxtail & Al's Pizza will be doing the food. We are still working on the liquor licensing. Ms. Rizzo advised that we still need the insurance but everything else in order.

Motion to approve pending insurance: Theresa Kulat, Second Soraya Faber

Fireworks update –

So if you haven't heard, the fireworks obviously had be postponed on the Fourth of July due to the incident in Highland Park, then we have had some scheduling issues with the golf course. We were only allowed certain days. So we settled Sunday October 2. But so October 2 will be in since dusk is much earlier. It's like seven o'clock, somewhere around there. That's when the fireworks will be. We'll put out reminders on our village website as we get closer. We're under contract. So for anyone who's new to this, we are in a partnership with Woodridge. So they actually get the contract and then the fireworks vendor bills both of us separately. So they take the lead on everything we just basically pay our share and that's it. We do have the traffic control in cooperation with Woodridge police and then both public works departments will set up the day before, and then they do clean up the next morning.

Old Business - None

Motion to Adjourn: DJ Fiore, Second John Agustino

Meeting Ended 5:42 pm