

## **Minutes - Approved**

COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMISSION

Thursday May 12, 2022

5:30 P.M.

VILLAGE HALL – COMMITTEE ROOM

801 BURLINGTON AVENUE

DOWNERS GROVE, IL

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PRESENT: Nicole Szydlowski, John Aguzino, DJ Fiore, Michael Puzen, Michael Kubes. Jeanne Lisa Rasin Downers Grove Rotary.

ABSENT: Soraya Faber.

STAFF: Jennifer Rizzo, Janene Cerulli

Ms. Szydlowski called the meeting to order at 5:30

APPROVAL OF April 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Pozen made a motion to approve the minutes from April 21, 2022 meeting. The motion was second by Mr. Aguzino.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

NEW BUSINESS

Downers Grove Rotary – Rotary Grove Festival

Ms. Rasin from Downers Grove Rotary was present to discuss the Festival. Discussed returning to the original date in June, as opposed to 2021 when it was in August, due to Covid. Festival will open Thursday night, with entertainment, beer garden and the rides. Restaurant booths are returning, along with non-for-profit booth. Saturday there will be a craft beer and cocktail for 12 noon to 4:00 pm. Two restaurants will be handling the serving of the cocktails, Cadence and Pierce Tavern. Sunday will have the car show on Warren Ave 10 am to 2 pm. Moose Lodge will be assisting with the car show. Mr. Kubes asked the location of the car show, Ms. Rasin stated it will be on Warren from Forest to Middaugh. Mr. Puzen asked about the car show (during the fest) last year. The event organizers did not want to host it due to Covid. Ms. Szydlowski, asked about the Moose's car show permit. Ms. Rizzo advised that the Moose's car show permit was separate, on their permit they do not host a show during the Rotary's festival. They are assisting the Rotary, for this car show. So it is two separate events.

Mr. Puzen asked about the food vendors, more local? Ms. Rasin stated they are still working getting food vendors. As a lot are no longer in business due to Covid. Mr. Puzen asked about the Farmers Market, it will still be re-located to Main Street south of Curtiss. Knights of Columbus assist with the railroad crossings.

Mr. Pozen made a motion to approve, Ms Szydowski seconded.

## STAFF REPORT

### 4<sup>th</sup> Of July Parade

Ms. Rizzo & Ms. Cerulli, discuss the upcoming parade. Ms. Cerulli announced that our Grand Marshall will be Savannah Harmon from the USA Women's Olympic hockey team. Discussed promoting of the parade. Including display cases at the library. The pictures were present to the committee. Talked about having a theme to the parade "Proud to be DG", in our application we asked the applicants bring your DG pride to the parade. Looking to promote the parade and we are looking to the committee to give us some ideas. Only have a few bands to date. Talked about different promotions like in our block parties etc. We do not have contacts for neighborhoods, reaching out to the school's PTAs. Showed committee the list of the applicants for the parade. Talked about how we voted on the parade participates, mayor's choice etc. We will be looking into this for maybe future years. Community Events Commission in the past would award groups prior to the start of the parade. Issue is getting volunteers to assist us with the parade.

Promotions we use Twitter, Facebook, Nextdoor, and website. Making sure people know that is free to participate. These is been discussed for years, to get people to be in the parade.

## OLD BUSINESS

No June meeting scheduled

ADJOURNMENT – Motion of adjourn Mr. Puzen, seconded by Mr. Kubes