

COMMUNITY EVENTS COMISSION
Thursday February 13, 2020
5:30 P.M.
VILLAGE HALL-COMMITTEE ROOM

801 BURLINGTON AVENUE
DOWNERS GROVE, IL

PRESENT: Andrea Knudsen, John Aguzino, Soraya Faber, Scott Jacaway, Michael Kubes, Michael Puzen, Nicole Szydowski and Erin Venezia-Downtown Management

STAFF: Jennifer Rizzo, Emily Tompkins

ABSENT: None

Ms. Andrea Knudsen called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 14, 2019 MINUTES

Mr. John Aguzino made a motion to approve the November 14, 2019 minutes. The motion was second by Mr. Michael Puzen and the minutes were approved unanimously.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

III. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Erin Venezia began by discussing the Summer Nights Classic Car Show. Ms. Venezia stated this is the 28th annual car show and there will be no changes other than two new bands. Mr. Scott Jacaway asked about attendance and Ms. Venezia responded that it has been steady and the amount of cars has been the same. Mr. Jacaway asked about the possibility of allowing alcohol in the open street. Ms. Venezia and Ms. Jennifer Rizzo both stated that alcohol served must be behind a fence or barrier. Mr. Michael Kubes made a motion to approve the event and Ms. Soraya Faber second the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Venezia continued by discussing the Sidewalk Sale. There are no changes this year. Mr. Jacaway asked if each business had to apply and Ms. Venezia said that each business in the Special Service Area can participate if they let her know. Mr. Jacaway made a motion to approve and Mr. Puzen second the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Venezia finished new business by discussing the Fine Arts Festival. This is the 44th annual Fine Arts Festival and will keep to the traditional weekend, the weekend after Labor Day. There are no changes this year. Ms. Soraya Faber asked if there would be artists other than traditional, Ms. Venezia replied they take whoever applies and present to jurors. They try to evenly divide the categories of artists that apply. Ms. Andrea Knudsen asked about including wine sales and Ms. Venezia stated they had tried in

the past and it was not well attended. Ms. Faber made a motion to approve and Mr. Puzen second the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

IV. STAFF REPORT

Ms. Rizzo stated the Village Council is working on the Facilities Plan which will go public soon. Once that plan is in place, the Council will be working on looking at the roles and responsibilities of the boards and commissions. Mr. Puzen asked the timing and Ms. Rizzo replied they are hoping to have the Facilities Plan in place by the summer. Ms. Rizzo stated the next Community Events Commission meeting will be April 9th and there are already three items on the agenda: Rotary Fest- with craft show, October Fest and the Farmer's Market.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Jacaway and Mr. Puzen discussed again the need for roles and responsibilities and a mission statement.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Nicole Szydowski made the motion to adjourn, Mr. Kubes second the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.