

COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMISSION
Thursday March 14, 2019
5:30 P.M.
VILLAGE HALL – COMMITTEE ROOM

801 BURLINGTON AVENUE
DOWNERS GROVE, IL

Present: Dave Humphries, Andrea Knudsen, Scott Jacaway, Soraya Faber, John Aguzino, Nicole Szydowski, Erin Venezia – Downtown Management, Jay Turner – YMCA, Jennifer Rizzo – Staff
Absent – Michael Kubes

- I. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 21, 2019 MEETING MINUTES - No questions, motion to approve – Mr. Aguzino, second motion by Mr. Jacaway - Minutes Approved

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Agenda items only – 5 minute maximum
No Public Comment

III. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Downers Grove YMCA Farmer’s Market – Jay Turner from the YMCA to answer staff questions. Jay explain no changes for this year. Motion to approve. Motion made by Mr. Jacaway, second by Mr. Aguzino. Motion approved.
- b. Downtown Management Summer Night Car Classic Show – Ms.Venezia from Downtown Management here to answer any questions. No changes to the event for this year. Ms. Knudsen commented on past parking issues. Ms. Venezia advised about 2 years ago they started parking enforcement at about 12 noon, it was well received. It has been a big improvement and the businesses are happy. Scott Jacaway asked if people contribute money to this to pay for the bands. Ms Venezia advises that Downtown Management pays for the bands, they pay them \$100.00. Because it is a public road we have looked at charging cars. But it is not feasible as the roads would have to be shut down and closed much earlier in the day. The car show volunteer committee looks at this more as a cruise night than a car show. Motion to approve by Ms. Knudsen, second by Ms. Szydowski. Motion approved.
- c. Downtown Management Sidewalk Sale – Ms.Venezia to answer any questions, no changes to this event Thursday – Saturday July 25th & July 27th, 20 businesses will be participating. Mr. Jacaway asked if any new business will be moving into downtown. Ms Venezia advised of She’s boutique has closed and a new business just signed a lease it is also a women clothing store. At Main & Maple where Sign Shop Express was, Michelle Gentile Interiors as well Maple Homemakers. Dave Humphries asked about the retail space at Main and Maple. Ms Venezia advised that it does not have a signed lease and

that CB Richard Ellis is actively working on it. Motion to approve made by Ms. Szydowski, second by Ms. Faber,

- d. Downtown Management Fine Arts Festival – Ms. Venezia to answer any questions, this is the 43rd year for this event that will be held September 7th and 8th. Expanding from 52 applicants to about 57. Ms Knudsen asked how you go about scouting for new artist. Ms. Venezia advised they have a list they have been building. They go to other art fests, and other art events, and word of mouth. 80 % return rate on artists. Motion to approve Mr. Jackaway. Second Ms Knudson.

IV. STAFF REPORT

- a. 4th of July Parade update – Ms. Rizzo advised no major changes. With 3 bands already committed. Community District 99, Proviso, and Osceola. Still waiting to hear back from Naperville and the Highland Drum Corp. Hoping to promote this through the village's social media. Mr. Jacaway spoke about brainstorming ideas to get the word out weather though social media, water billing, has to be low cost. Ms Knudsen advised she was unaware non-organizations could enter into the parade. Suggested to use Nextdoor, Ms. Rizzo advises she will ask the village to post on Nextdoor. Ms. Rizzo advised she will send the committee the application so it can be pushed out to other groups. Suggestion was made to reach out to the block party groups to see if they would like to participate in the parade. Ms S suggested reaching out to District 58 to add to the flyers. Mr Jacaway asked about paying the bands. Ms. Rizzo advised that we do pay them every year. Ms. Rizzo also advises that the village also pays for some of the other entertainment such as The Funny Little People. Uncle Sam on slits, the infantry groups. Advised that there is a small budget for entrainment.

Ms. Rizzo advise that after presenting the Rotary Grove Festival to the Village Manager. Staff realized that since the request for a Thursday night concert goes outside of the three (3) year contract with the Rotary, the permit for the festival will need to go in front of council on April 9, 2019.

Ms. Rizzo advised that on the first day of the Farmer's Market May 11, 2019, we will be rededicating the Main Street Plaza to Linda Kunze Plaza. Downtown Management and the Village are working together to place a bench with Linda's name as well as the plaques. No time has been set as of this time.

V. OLD BUSINESS – No old business.

VI. ADJOURNMENT at 6:04 pm