

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
Joint Meeting
Parks & Recreation Commission
Community Engagement Commission
City Hall
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue

MINUTES

March 21, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:38 PM

B. ROLL CALL:

Eischen___ Bradbury_X__ Carlson
Yager_X__ Curtin___ LaCasse___

Cooley-Kistler___ LaDouceur_X___
Ebbesen___ Locke_X__ Campbell___

COUNCIL LIAISON:

Andrews_X__
Mayor Gustafson_X__

STAFF PRESENT:

Pavek_X__

C. PRESENTATION:

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

E. AGENDA:

1. Spring Event

- Mayor Gustafson shared insight from past events he'd worked on. Both commissions agreed that a small event should be held this year and stated that the event should not be held during Ramadan.
- Vice Chair Bradbury added that the spring event was a good opportunity to promote summer programming one last time before the registration deadline. Both commissions agreed to hold the event on Saturday, June 4th from 4-6 pm at Curtiss Field. Pavek confirmed that there were no conflicting reservations for that date/time.
- One of the main goals of the event is to engage renter/tenants in the nearby Townsquare Apartments.
- The commission members brainstormed the following activity ideas:

- Dog Parade
 - Soccer
 - Basketball
 - Arts & Craft Table
 - BYOYG (Bring Your Own Yard Game)
 - Ice Cream Truck
 - Sign-up Table for Summer Programming
 - Mayor or Council Members & Staff present as an opportunity to solicit community feedback
 - Meet the New City Administrator
- Chair Ebbesen confirmed she has been researching and contacting potential food trucks for the event.
 - All commission members agreed this should be an opportunity for kids to play sports/games while parents mingle and meet their neighbors.

2. Ice Cream Social

- Ebbesen planned to contact Ramsey County for participation in Resource Fair. Julie's daughter participated in a dance group which performed at last year's event and they plan to return. Staff was asked to coordinate a break in the live music for the dance group to perform without distraction.
- LaDouceur suggested offering better games/activities for children at this year's event:
 - Punt Pass Run
 - Whiffle Ball Game (with RCSO?)
 - Bounce House Maze
 - Temporary Tattoos
 - Fishing Game with Stuffed Animals
 - Dunk Tank
- Yager suggested offering the most successful summer program (blastball, soccer, etc).
- Commissions confirmed to hire the same band from last year's event for the same price. They planned to reach out to more small businesses and NYFS to have tables at the event.

3. Other Initiatives

- Commission members will continue to think about this and brainstorm at the next meeting.

F. INFORMATION/ ANNOUNCEMENT

G. ADJOURNMENT: 7:50 PM.