



COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES COMMISSION

February 23, 2021

5:00 PM

ZOOM

Work Session Minutes

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1. Call to Order
2. 4th of July 2021 Parade Location
 - Options are Cleveland or Washington
 - WFPD Chief Everitt Pettit participated, as did Tony Lipscomb, representing the car show participants
 - Social Distancing is not a viable option for July 4.
 - WFD will not enforce social distancing, will only be concerned w/maximum occupancy
 - Larimer County Health Dept will be final determinant as to whether the July 4 events can take place.
 - The CAC will continue to plan for July 4 being aware that it may be canceled by LCHD
 - a. Cleveland Avenue
 - Street will be closed at 6AM, giving traffic control time to set up
 - Parade will last approximately 2 hours.
 - An issue is crowding along the route.
 - This will continue Wellington's long tradition.
 - b. Washington Avenue
 - Street will need to be closed for the same amount of time.
 - An issue may be the canal/ditch.
 - This will take the crowd away from Main Street for the duration of the day
 - c. Other options?
3. 4th of July 2021 Festival Location
 - a. Centennial Park
 - b. Wellington Community Park
 - Wellington has outgrown using Centennial Park for July 4.
 - The option is to use Community Park for vendors, bounce houses, car show, food trucks, etc.
 - There was discussion re: transitioning from the Cleveland parade route to the Community Park events.
 - Some people will be able to walk from Cleveland to Community Park, others will choose to move their vehicle.

- It was noted that the distance between Cleveland and Community Park is not that great, and walking to each from a parking spot is an issue for either location.
- Using the Senior Center van to assist in transportation as necessary is a possibility.
- Car show participants strongly prefer the Community Park site, and can use the north end of Buffalo Creek Parkway to stage the cars.
- This would not entail a full road closure.
- Any permit required will be through the Town.
- Tony suggested the car show participants could be flexible re: the hours of the show and prefer the distance from children's activities, food trucks, etc.
- Chief Pettit commented that food trucks can be on the east side of Washington where there is sidewalk, eliminating some street safety concerns.
- Community Park can support more vendors and food trucks. This will allow the event to continue to grow, rather than the necessity to down size if events remain at Centennial Park.

4. 4th of July 2021 Fireworks Location

- a. 6th street location
- b. Wellington Cemetery
- c. Wellington Community Park
- d. Other options?

5. Easter Egg Hunt Update

- a. County Variance
- b. Other options if not approved

General comments from Trustee Gaiter:

- The Board sees 2021 as an opportunity to do something different with July 4 events. He will share CAC discussion at upcoming Board meeting. Trustee Gaiter's preference is to have the parade on Cleveland, at least for 2021, and move all other events to Community Park. The Board will select the fireworks vendor and will discuss options for moving fireworks.

General comments from Chief Pettitt:

- It is estimated that approximately 20,000 people attend Wellington July 4 events.
 - This year will provide an opportunity for future planning.
 - There are no concerns re: health issues related to the heat of the day.
 - Breaking up the locations for the parade and other events will help with congestion at the end of the parade.
 - Neither location presents fire department access challenges.
 - Moving fireworks is doable, any option will require prep work, consideration of distance, and other factors.
- The next meeting of the CAC will include voting on the location of the parade and other events and forwarding the decision to the Town Board.

6. Adjourn

Next Meeting: Mar 2, 2021