



COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES COMMISSION

March 2, 2021

5:00 PM

ZOOM

Regular Meeting Minutes

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Meeting called to order at 5:04

Roll Call: All CAC board members present (Richard Bacon, Jim Lafferty, Steve Sarno, Wyatt Curtis, Linda Stoddard, Shirrell Tietz, Natalie Triplet, Trustee Gaiter)

Community Guest: Kallie Cooper, Executive Director of Wellington Main Street Programs. After learning of the possibility of moving the July 4 parade off of Cleveland Kallie questioned several Main Street businesses; the overwhelming response was supportive. Comments included support of the tradition, July 4 was often the biggest business day of the year (which is especially important after this year's closures and limited business), the importance of supporting Wellington businesses over vendors, an opportunity to introduce new people to those businesses. Kallie stated that the opinions were not those of Main Street but rather came directly from businesses. Richard thanked Kallie and invited her to remain in the meeting for the upcoming July 4 discussion in which she could participate.

Minutes:

January 2021 minutes were approved unanimously pending the inclusion of a clarification Shirrell requested.

February 2021 minutes were approved unanimously.

February 2021 work session minutes were approved by by all pending the clarification of a comment made by Chief Pettit regarding concerns around a ditch at the Community Park. t to Hallie. Shirrell will find the comment that needs to be amended and forward it to Hallie

Financial:

Hallie Sheldon explained that the General Ledger separates all costs in the Town budget. The cost of Halloween road closure was \$4000.

Officer Elections:

Steve nominated Richard for chair, Linda seconded, Steve moved to close nominations. After roll call Richard was elected unanimously as chair.

Wyatt nominated Steve for vice chair, Shirrell seconded, unanimously elected.

Wyatt expressed his interest in the treasurer position.

Richard clarified the treasurer's responsibilities and how the budget process for CAC works. Wyatt expressed his experience at Noosa and his desire to streamline the budget process and to make the information accessible. Linda nominated, Steve seconded; unanimously elected.

Trustee Gaiter clarified that voting occurs after all questions regarding nominees and any discussion or deliberation is completed.

Richard nominated Linda, who declined due to other involvements. Shirrell indicated her interest in both the secretary and treasurer positions. Natalie expressed her interest in the position, citing her experience as secretary of the PTO. There was a motion to elect Natalie as Secretary, Linda moved, Wyatt seconded. Unanimously elected. Terms begin March 2021.

Easter Egg Hunt: variance approval for 175 is pending. Hallie stated that variance would probably be approved, pending pre registration information (a Google form has been created). Steve noted that zones will need to be appropriately spaced to meet compliance. Wyatt noted that some people may not yet be comfortable with such events and it was decided that a "take home" hunt could be available for those who arrange to do so ahead of time. There was discussion about the large number of attendees in 2019, many of whom were still in a parking line when the actual hunt took place, and the demands on the Easter Bunny. Kallie noted that Main Street has the costume. Natalie noted that pre registration will be an opportunity for contact tracing. Town has the form that includes clarified information and a disclaimer. Richard made a motion that the CAC will need an Easter Egg Hunt work meeting. Linda moved, Steve seconded, approved unanimously.

July 4

Hallie clarified that HWY 1 requires state approval, and will cost \$4000. Washington requires Town approval, at a cost of \$2500.

There was much discussion regarding moving the parade to Washington, the need for changes in traffic patterns and signage. Other discussion included community safety, tradition of the parade, access to the parade. Chief Pettit stated that WFD considers fire code, safety and gives feedback regarding the size and location. Moving events to Community Park increases options, and as the event grows it meets safety guidelines.

Discussion regarding the comments Kallie gathered from Main Street businesses resumed. Businesses did not see having a presence at Community Park as a viable option to having the parade on Cleveland as doing so would require additional staff, brick and mortar restaurants are not set up as mobile. Kallie clarified that there are 62 businesses in the Main Street district. Safety concerns were discussed. Sgt Reardon, LCSO, noted that there are challenges regarding the parade on Cleveland, but there is a strong tradition and those challenges can be met. Community Park offers wide streets for access vendors, car show etc. He noted that Washington has advantages and disadvantages, no shade and both routes have to deal with the RR. Main Street Board of Directors suggested extending the route to CR 9 or turning onto 6th Street; they had concerns about heat and bugs at Community Park and said that mosquito spraying will be necessary. For the July 4 events, Community Park offers greater parking, will not require road closures, there is adequate room for the car show and there are

other activities for kids. Wyatt moved to keep the parade on Cleveland. Linda seconded. Roll Call: Richard, Steve, Jim, Linda, Natalie, Wyatt voted yes, citing safety concerns Shirrel voted no. Wyatt moved to have all other July 4 activities at Community Park, unanimously approved.

Fireworks: Trustee Gaiter clarified that the Town Board will meet with LCSO and WFD regarding the location of fireworks, and they will continue discussions with the vendor. Trustee Gaiter suggested 1-2 CAC representatives be present at the March 16 work session for fireworks. Wyatt and Shirrell will attend, perhaps Richard also.

Vendors: Shirrell stated she has 50+ vendors interested in July 4, 2021, booths are \$30 for a 10X10, \$50 for a 10X20. Wyatt asked if the Board gets to approve the vendor list. Shirrell replied that she sent interest emails to previous vendors, all of whom are registered as Wellington businesses. Shirrell stated that with the exception of Austin Taco she tries not to "bring in something we have on Main Street". Tony Lipscomb expressed concern about the difficulty of getting food in 2019, the need for more food trucks this year. Shirrell stated there were 5 food vendors in 2019. It was decided that the CAC needs a work session to discuss vendors and food trucks. Linda moved, Wyatt seconded, unanimously approved.

Fishing Derby: Richard stated the variance permit is due 3/11. There will be registration to meet requirements.

Storage Unit discussion tabled for a later date.

CAC was asked if they would like to meet in person. Steve moved that face to face meetings begin in April. Linda seconded. Roll call: Richard, Steve, Shirrell, Linda, Jim approved. Wyatt and Natalie voted no. Hallie will explore the possibility of a hybrid meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55.