

# Minutes

## Fourth of July Commission Minutes

Meeting July 31, 2002

Present: Mayor Wysocki, Jim Belland, Cheryl Schober, Anida Rose, Nancy Bertsch, Nancy Perkins, Carol Nowak, Ald. Ament, Lt. Linda, John Burke

Excused: Cindy Kaczmarowski, Mark Schroeder

Absent: John Ziino

1 – Anida Rose called the meeting to order at 7:35pm

2 – Minutes – Ald. Ament moved to approve the minutes of the June meeting. Jim Belland seconded. Passed.

3 – Correspondence – thank you from Hoof Beats Express; Anida sent thank you's to large sponsors

4 – Staff reports – Mayor Wysocki thanked the commission for everything and that 7/2 at EHS with the WI Singers was especially wonderful for the seniors

- Mary Berg – said the family games were great and they ran out of most items; she is already planning for next year

5 – CFC report – reapply for 2002-03 membership

6 – 2002 review of schedule (rated some with 10 = great/highest & under)

--7/2 at EHS – WI Singers an outstanding group; about 750 attended; timing of event was good; cookies and drink from National Regency were wonderful; having 1 and not 2 venues was great; consensus of commission is to have WI Singers back for 2003; Cheryl will contact. (rate 10)

--7/3 –Family games – were great (rate10)

-Main stage bands – Anida reported on concessions comments; no more Tropical Heat is east tent

-High School Battle of Bands – a few technical problems; per Nancy P. – on the phone a lot with Mark & the bands; learned a lot; found necessary equipment at 86 & Brown Deer Rd.; explained everything that happened before, during, & after; per Nancy B. – it was a nightmare but the best of anything we've had for the teens; per Jim – need a pro with equipment from setup thru end; first band had good musicianship; per Cindy – suggests a \$25.00 deposit per band with signup, possibly refundable; per Nancy B. – suggests Cascio run whole program from registration to night of; Nancy P. and Cheryl will talk to Greg and Cascio; and need to talk to Dave Jeske re: bug

control at the gazebo. (rate 3+)

-Flashlight Candy Hunt – per Mayor there were a lot of kids in 5 and under group that maybe needs to be split; Nbfd did a great job; NBPD did a great job with putting the lost kids on the bleachers for parents to find. (rate 10)

-the Major Concessions suggested the bands play on 7/3 from 6:30pm til 10:30pm and that the beer sales end at 11pm. Jim Belland moved to change the 7/3 schedule of bands from 6:30pm til 10:30pm and have beer sales end at 11pm. Nancy Bertsch seconded. After discussion Lt. Linda and Mayor Wysocki don't foresee any major problems. Motion passed.

-7/4 – Mini Parade – Junior Woman's Club did a good job; there were a lot of kids; Mayor suggests a larger area if possible; they kept the box of ribbons for next year

-Main Parade – need to reduce the number of units; suggestion to put all tractors in 1 large group and 'queens' altogether; parade officials need to stand out better – suggestion to get special vests for them to wear only during the parade.

John Burke moved to approve investigating purchase of special vests. Nancy Perkins seconded. Passed.

Cheryl will investigate; suggestion to have only Mayor and council in parade and have other politicians walk sides of parade; Anida and Cheryl will contact some politicians for their opinion; Nancy P. suggested putting all politicians on a flatbed; scouts need to keep moving; maybe the scouts need to be in 1 large group; lots of volunteers are needed to help with the parade staging and other areas; put volunteers at end of parade with 1 commissioner to help collect banners and signs; need volunteers to free up commissioners to be along route to keep parade moving; encourage JK Lee to carry signs re: demo in park on parade route; Mayor suggests a fly over, sky divers, more military units, he has some contacts he will call; suggestion to have 100 units picked by jury (timing could be a problem).

Jim Belland moved to have the commission carefully jury parade unit applications to have approximately 100 units. John Burke seconded. Passed with 1 nay.

-Lt. Linda says there are way too many motorcycles; they congest the whole center of National during staging; suggestion to house Harleys on Coffee Rd. (can come straight from Hal's) since not many fire dept. units; show up at 12:50; no semi truck; suggestion to give each banner carrier a treat bag at the end of

the parade when they turn in the banner; don't let units hand out anything til further west of Coffee Rd. (not to kids in parade); trash on parade route was a problem this year; more barrels needed; need different communication with float units to go to Glen Park and not the old A&W for final setup before lining up in staging; need to jazz up the unit locations

-Kid's Stage – suggestion to reverse event cost on stage; call Carroll College for caricature artists to do free for kids at gazebo

-Fireworks – great; need to cut down some trees (or top them); Mayor will ask NBFD and Bartolotta to relook at location for shooting them off;

Schoeneck Containers is committed to 2003.

7 – Meeting adjourned at 10:05pm.

Next commission meeting Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2002, in Park & Rec.