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Minutes

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Meeting September 20, 2000

Present: Paul Leuthold, Lt. Randy Alf – NBPD, Carol Nowak, Jim Belland, Cheryl Schober, Nancy Bertsch, Nancy Perkins, Cindy Kaczmarowski, Ald. Liz Kaminski

Excused: John Ziino, Anida Rose

Absent: John Burke

1. Paul Leuthold called meeting to order 7:35pm

2. Minutes -Nancy Bertsch moved to approve the minutes of the June 2000 meeting. Nancy Perkins seconded. Passed.

- 3. Correspondence –
- letter from city clerk re: reappointments
- a thank you from Front Page News band
- letter re: 10pm fireworks being too late – discussion followed
 - Nancy Bertsch moved to schedule the fireworks on July 4, 2001, at 9:30pm. Nancy Perkins seconded. Passed.
- Cindy Kaczmarowski moved to have alcohol sales end when the fireworks start. Ald. Kaminski seconded. Passed with 1 abstention.
- Nancy Bertsch moved to change the main parade start time to 1:00pm. Cindy Kaczmarowski seconded. Passed.
- letter from NBWHS Football Booster Club asking for the return of \$50.00 electric charge. Jim Belland moved to refund \$50.00 electric charge. Nancy Bertsch seconded. Passed.
- phone call re: handicap and motorcycle parking problems. According to Lt. Alf, this is being looked into for next year. Will discuss more at future meetings.

4. NBPD – Lt. Alf reported that the parade route was okay. The police talked to quite a few people before the parade re: the use of squirt guns and water during the parade and the consequences if used. There were 4 police on bikes and many officers on foot. Only complaint of the main parade was too many openings between units.

5. NBVFD – (not present) one complaint re: Flashlight Candy Hunt was the involvement of some parents in collecting the candy for their kids. Signage and announcements were suggested for next year.

6. Staff Reports – Mary sent a letter of suggestions:

- go for the "wow" type of parade units. After discussion, it was requested to have Mary look into new parade units.
- discussed handing out of trinkets during the parade.
- bringing in a lumberjack show – Mary will check on cost and needs.

7. Celebration 2000 Review

- a) Budget and fund raising – report filed
- b) Public relations – there was a lot of coverage. Thanks to the commissioners who helped Cheryl contact the TV and radio stations re: the cancellation of 7/3.
- c) Sponsorships – quite a few new sponsors this year
- d) Signs – Ald. Kaminski reported the magnetic car signs do not stick on all of the vehicles – one sign was lost.
- e) July 2 entertainment – Anida suggested just 1 big venue with no intermission
 - - Nancy P. reported problems with EHS personnel (none for lights or sound), groups had to use own members
 - Cheryl will check on barbershops and Accompany of Kids
- f) Fireworks – Wonderful! Terrific! Schoeneck Containers have already committed their sponsorship of next year's fireworks.
- g) Children's entertainment –
 - mini parade – Nancy B. reported it went better than last year and there was music for the parade
 - teen dance – rained out. Consensus to have only 1 band or deejay and keep it on the basketball courts
- h) Games – no report
- i) Carnival – discussed the rides. The carnival personnel were a big help in getting some of the units on the grounds unstuck late on 7/4. Paul will discuss the rides that are available before signing a contract for 2001.
- j) Main parade – the Generals Cheerleaders did a great job carrying the banners.
 - NBPD suggested moving the parade route from the east to the west and starting at Calhoun and National. Staging would be on National and at NBC. National would have to be closed from Lawnsdale and National to Calhoun. (the Christmas Parade will be using this route on Nov. 11)
 - judging – the float judging did not work before the parade.
 - unit numbering was a problem – Nancy Perkins moved to have the parade units only be numbered in proper number order and not in sub-numbers. Ald. Kaminski seconded. Passed.
 - per Ald. Kaminski there were complaints on the staging and trying to enter the staging area to get to a unit.
- k) Concessions – Cheryl reported on the meeting prior to this meeting.
- l) Entertainment - the major concessions liked the selection of bands
 - Ald. Wysocki dropped off a flier on a Civil War reenactment group and Ald. Kaminski had a flier on another group. Ald. Kaminski will check on these groups for their needs, cost, etc. for a future celebration
- m) Grounds, parking and facilities – per Anida, a great big thanks to the Park & Rec Dept. for their handling of everything after the big storm and getting the park, etc. ready for the celebration.

8. Celebration 2001

- due to the lateness of the meeting, it was decided to discuss the next celebration at the

October meeting.

a) Theme - suggestion: 2001:A Millennium Odyssey

b) Ideas

9. Adjournment

- Nancy Bertsch moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:50pm. Jim Belland seconded. Passed.

Next Commission Meeting will be Wednesday, October 25, at 7:30pm.

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