

CITY OF BELLEVUE
SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2016
8:30 a.m.

Bellevue City Hall
Conference Room 1E-112

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jon Wilson – Parks
Pat Harris – Parks
Dennis Warner – Fire
Lt. Dave Sanabria – Police
Titus Butcher – Transportation
Glenn Bartolome – Metro Transit
Neal Christiansen – Community Representative East
Jeanne Grote – Community Representative South
Joann Warren – Community Representative Downtown
Roz Liming – Business Representative, Crossroads
Chris Dunham – Business Representative Downtown
Meredith Langridge – Special Event Promoter, Position 1

MEMBERS ABSENT: Reilly Pittman – Development Services
Mike Ogliore – Business Representative Downtown
Katherine Ombrellaro– Special Event Promoter, Private

OTHERS PRESENT: Sharon Franzen, Parks

RECORDING SECRETARY: Gerry Lindsay

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Chair Wilson who presided.

2. COMMUNICATIONS: Written and Oral - None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ms. Grote. The motion was seconded by Ms. Warren and the motion carried unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion to approve the April 14, 2016, meeting minutes as submitted was made by Mr. Christiansen. The motion was seconded by Ms. Grote and it carried unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Chair Wilson reported that he visited the Red Lion and Hilton properties where the GTOAA exhibition will be held in July. He pointed out that the properties directly across 112th Avenue

SE from the Red Lion are fenced off and are in the process of being demolished. There are a few homes across the street from the Hilton, but with the distance they are from the parking lot and the existing vegetation, sound is not likely to be an issue. He said he would probably have staff on site to take sound readings.

Chair Wilson reported that the Downtown Park project is moving forward. The south end of the park will be fenced off on July 11 and the schedule calls for construction to be completed ahead of the Fourth of July celebration in 2017. One question that remains is what to do with the ice rink. At a recent meeting with the event organizers, a number of issues and obstacles were discussed, including how to do load-in and load-out given the loss of the parking lot. The playground is going to be renovated as part of the project and that parking lot will be serving as a staging area for the construction work. Access for the public will be limited and in fact there will be no ADA access, and even access for emergency vehicles would be challenging. Other alternatives are being investigated, including Hidden Valley

❖ Flavors of India Application of Intent

Chair Wilson reminded the Committee members that a vote to approve the application had not been taken, primarily because the Committee was not sure about their parking plan. He said following the last meeting Mr. Butcher worked closely with Crossroads Mall with regard to the posting of obvious and visible signage, and having volunteers to enforce the rules. The parking plan that has been submitted now includes supplemental parking at Ivanhoe Park, and possibly at a school. A property on Bel-Red Road that is owned by the event organizers will be used as well and a shuttle will be operated to the park from that location.

Mr. Butcher asked how many are expected to attend the event. Chair Wilson said they are expecting a thousand per day, which comports with what has been seen in the past. He said he has talked to the organizer about the fact that it does not necessarily make sense to close the park down for two days to accommodate what really is a small event. The response given was that since the event has been going on for five years, they are looking to expand it to include a procession with an elephant. The organizer is hoping to move the event back to Downtown Park.

A motion to approve the event was made by Ms. Warren. The motion was seconded by Ms. Grote and the motion carried unanimously.

❖ Routing and Location Subcommittee Report

Mr. Butcher reported that the subcommittee has been working with the Chamber of Commerce on the Spirit of Bellevue run. There are still details to be worked out regarding the traffic control plan given that the route will be different from last year.

Mr. Butcher said (Art of the Living(?) group wants to mirror the Rotary Run 5K just using the sidewalks. About 200 are expected to participate, but the event does not rise to the level of being a special event under the code.

❖ Committee Liaisons Assigned to Events

Chair Wilson told Ms. Grote that he would send her contact information for Snowflake Lane, and told Ms. Warren that he would get information to her regarding Festival of the Arts.

6. NEW BUSINESS

❖ Post-Event Review – All In For Autism, Sheep Shearing

Chair Wilson reported that no post event reports for the events held in April had been received.

Mr. Christiansen said he attended the Sheep Shearing event by parking at the International School and walking over. The event went very well.

Lt. Sanabria said there were no incidents reported at either event. Both went off really well. Participation for All In For Autism was increased over last year.

Mr. Butcher suggested some tweaks may be needed to the All In For Autism route, which went from Downtown Park along NE 2nd Street to 114th Avenue SE, then south to 118th Avenue SE to the I-90 trail, then up 108th Avenue SE to Bellevue Way back to NE 2nd Street and into the park. The 5K goes down 112th Avenue SE instead of 114th Avenue SE and loops back up onto Bellevue Way.

Lt. Sanabria agreed that the 112th Avenue SE/108th Avenue SE interchange on Bellevue Way is always a challenge, particularly for King County Metro. He noted that they were able to get the buses through without having to reroute them.

Chair Wilson pointed out that the start/finish line will be impacted in 2017 because of construction in the park and may need to be moved. Hopefully the west lot will be open and available to serve as a staging area.

Mr. Butcher commented that the All In For Autism event received a lot of positive feedback on social media.

Mr. Christiansen asked why the streets around Kelsey Creek Park are closed to parking during the Sheep Shearing event. Chair Wilson said the closures are the result of numerous complaints in the past from the neighbors. People were parking in driveways and the like. The event organizer has generated a very good relationship with the neighbors and closing the road to parking has served to bolster the relationship.

❖ Comments/Follow-up

Chair Wilson said the Ukrainian Festival event will be posted in the newspaper soon. Public comments received will be reviewed by the Committee.

7. NEXT MEETING

❖ June 9, 2016

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:59 a.m.