

ERC MEETING MINUTES APRIL 2, 2015

Attendance: Mindy Piantanida, Leo Donnelly, Justin Gause, Brian Henry and Rene' Raymond.

Guests: Tom Orehowsky, Race Consultant. Quickest Quacky: Tara Williams and Justin James.

Meeting opened at 9:06 am.

Post Event Review

- Music in the Park: unfortunately, this event was rained out.

Event Review and Collaboration

- Pirates and Princesses: Tom spoke with Holly who is working on the volunteer course Marshalls. Nine (9) Officers will be onsite including Sgt. Oleary. The notice to the Marina has gone out. Natalie did not indicate any specific events taking place. A request for a delay from CSX was made for 6:15 – 7:45. The race route, procedures, and barricades were all reviewed, established, and finalized. Flyers were given to local businesses and residents. The Old Main Street event afterwards is established.
- Barricades and cones: The vendor supplying cones and barricades needs to submit a plan in accordance with MOT requirements.

Events with Guests: 9:30 am Quickest Quacky (May 16, 2015): Registration will begin at 5. The race will start at 6. The 15,000 rubber ducks will be released into the river at 7. Modifications have been made to keep the ducks corralled. The notice will be going out to the residents. Adult volunteers have been established through the Chamber of Commerce. A mock deployment will take place the evening before. USA Fence will be providing the cones and barricades. Rene requested a copy of the MOT from USA Fence. Brian let Tara know the barricades and cones need to be picked up that evening after the event. Tara mentioned they are required to have eight (8) Officers for the race. Tara expects approximately 200 participants. Vendors will be established on the sandy side of the Tarpon Pointe parking lot which Justin claims belongs to Tarpon Pointe. Pace staff and Tarpon Pointe employees were monitoring the area. A lead bike and sweep person was recommended by ERC. Signs will be placed along Riverwalk. ERC notified Justin and Tara that signs and barricades will need to be extended off 6th St., 4th St E., and 2nd St. E. at Manatee Ave. ERC notified Tara to submit an application earlier next year. ERC asked Tara about the beer being served last year. It was perceived last year that beer was being served without a license. Tara reassured the group that the issue was preaddressed this year.

New Events for Review:

- Ribfest would like to come over to McKechnie and close 9th St. between 13th and 17th as well as all of 17th for 3 days for a fundraising event. The dates are October 9th – 11th. ERC is not comfortable recommending to Council to close the streets for 3 days. Many businesses including Dominos, Brownies, One Stop, will be impacted as well as traffic. It would be difficult for Sanitation services to be provided on Friday as well. ERC suggested possibly utilizing the grassy area at McKechnie Field for a shorter period of time. Proof from the Pirates would be required. Alternatives to consider would be to possibly close down 17th only. Ribfest would need to have written documentation from all the business owners on 17th that they will be willing to have the road closed for 3 days. Another alternative is to have it for 1 day on 17th only but written documentation from local businesses only. The last alternative solution is to close 9th only but not 17th for one day only on Saturday and Sunday. Friday would not be permitted because of the negative impact on Sanitation services.
- Walk to End Alzheimers sent a new route. Rene told the Event Holder their new route is unacceptable. They are expecting 500 people. The event is only to walk for 2 miles without having a turn-around. We are requesting for the Event Holder to attend an ERC meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 am.