

ERC MEETING MINUTES JUNE 23, 2016

Attendance: Mindy Piantanida, Rene Raymond, Jim McLellan, Brian Henry, Leo Donnelly, and Jonathan Weaver.

Guests in Attendance to discuss Events:

- Bradenton Area Half Marathon: Ray Niecestro, Hernando DeSoto Historical Society
- IT Works: Suzanne Anderson

Meeting opened at 9:00 am.

I. Event Review and Collaboration

- Bradenton Area Half Marathon: The Hernando DeSoto Historical Society provides grants and scholarships to local organizations. Events are fundraisers for the grant program. They are looking to coordinate a half mile marathon and 1 mile fun run on Saturday, October 15, 2016. Permits are being worked on through FDOT for Green Bridge closure and Manatee Avenue West. A tail vehicle and truck will be following the racers to pick up the cones and reopen roadways. Race begins at 6:30 am. Cones in place between 5 and 6 am. Closure at 6 am. Staging close to the library. South Florida Museum should be able to open at 10 am and Pier 22 should be able to receive deliveries in the morning. That area should reopen between 7 and 8 am. There is a 3.5 hour limit for the race. Manatee Avenue will be fully open by 11 am. Discussed the potential for two-way traffic on Manatee Avenue West. Ray is working with FDOT permit and we will receive more information. Music, Water Stops (every 1.5 miles), and other entertainment in some locations such as parade floats. Ray is working with the County on their permitting requirements. The boat ramp off 59th is a concern for them since the ramp is busy. ERC suggested eliminating the noise from entertainment in the early hours near Riverview. A tent will be placed in the hospitality area. Pre-cooked and cold food will be brought in. Beer will be served after the race for free. Breads and other foods will be brought in. In past events, Boars Head boiled hot dogs to give out. City Hall parking lot is available. Portlets will be placed on First Ave. A few will be on the race course every 3 – 4 miles. ERC requested a map showing a placement of the portlets and water stations. Sheriff's department will need to issue approval prior to City approval. ERC advised the Event Holder to notify local businesses and residences of the event including road closures. Lakeshore Athletic Services/Stacy Romano is the Race Coordinator. They will be taking care of the timing, water station, cones and barricades. Discussed costs involved with Solid Waste Services and Police Department Services. 200 volunteers are anticipated. Sponsors will handle the water stations. Approval is pending an FDOT approval.
- IT Works: Weeklong event occurring. Sellers of the product will be there. However, they will not be selling items. Wednesday July 13th is Main Street Live. All events are open to the public. Main Street Live at 6 pm. Sam Wolf will be performing. Event

Holder will be providing the stage. IT Works is sponsoring the entertainment. Old Main Street Merchants will be coordinating the event details. Services will be similar to all Main Street Live events.

- July 4, 2016: FDOT permit was taken care of by the Chief. Police department has all the details. Jonathan will talk to Craig about assigning extra crews to help clean up the next day.
- Grilled Cheese Festival August 13 – 14, 2016: There is a moratorium on events through Labor Day to allow maintenance and restoration of the park. The Event Holder is welcome to submit an application for any time after Labor Day.
- Ghost 5k October 22, 2016: ERC reviewed the information submitted by the Event Holder. The timing submitted does not include items occurring between 6 and 8 pm. Also, the locations in their schedule do not exist. 11th is not a street. They neglected to submit vendor locations. We suggest the children's race occur after the adult race. Approval is pending submittal of reorganized schedule with details.
- Home and Lifestyle was approved for Feb 25th and 26th.

II. Public Works and Utilities:

- Splashpad is re-opened. Public Works will be meeting with the vendor to discuss solutions to repair issues.
- Riverwalk now has a butterfly garden.
- New plantings and mulch have been installed. New sod is going in along with irrigation in the second phase of Riverwalk.
- Races need to be completed during daylight hours. Rene is contacting RB to amend the race standards.

Meeting adjourned 10:54 am.