

ERC MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 13, 2014

Attendance: Mindy Piantanida, Brian Henry, Dave Gustafson, Kenny Simunovic and Rene Raymond.

Guests: Susan Miller & Megan Miller (Corks); Tom Orehowsky

Meeting officially opened at 9:01 am.

- I. Main Street Merchants time change request: Susan and Megan Miller asked for a copy of the event application. Rene shared that music is over at 10 pm and the event ends at midnight. Susan requested for the bars outside to close and be inside at midnight. Megan explained they rely upon the events for their revenue. It brings customers in and if serviced properly, they become repeat customers. Dave reiterated that this was discussed at their Main St. Merchants meeting. Kenny agreed that Wednesday before Thanksgiving the bars become over-populated. Kenny said he doesn't have a problem with closing at midnight on a trial basis for November 20 and 26, 2014. Susan agreed that if there is a need for the Police department to ask them to close down sooner for public safety, she will comply. The job of the police is to keep the peace and not run the event. Kenny explained that the event coordinator for Main St. Merchants was not there at the end of the evening of the Halloween event which made it difficult for the Police to maintain public safety and move the Vendors. The expectation is for the Event Coordinator to remove the Vendors and clear the area in a timely manner in accordance with the approved permit application without Police needing to intervene. November 20th and 26th is approved for the bars to remain open on the streets until the midnight. This is a trial basis. If it works out, then it will be considered for it to continue through the future. If the deficiencies of this years' program are not satisfactorily rectified, then the ERC may not be able to approve the requested time change next year or on any other future events. The City needs to have assurances that the Event Organizer will have control over the event.
- II. Public Works & Utilities
 - a. Bathroom locks are not working. The timer is not engaging the lock. The Police will lock it until it is repaired.
 - b. Holly shared that the Farmer's Market Manager is very pleased with the services of the Solid Waste department.
- III. Event Review and Collaboration

- a. St. Joseph's 5k: Kenny suggested to Tom to have one volunteer along with the police dept. at the skate park at 8 am. Tom is concerned that Hugh Miller is claiming there is an agreement regarding parking areas and Public Right of Ways. Kenny explained that PD will work on road closures needed for the race.
 - b. Merchants dislike the stage. They are going to back it in by Manatee Ave. They are going to have it hang over the side of the curb and cone it. They are going to leave an 8' walkway. Brian will contact Rick to find out if they are using their own stage.
- IV. New Events from Rene:
- a. Dec. 4th. 6:30 am – 4 pm. Street closure on 10th by the courthouse. Carrols in the Courtyard and Craft Fair. Rene will let them know to get the barricades from Manatee County.
 - b. Falcon Run submitted their application to participate in the Regatta Run. Rene will work on getting the insurance.
 - c. Sounds of the Season are scheduled to go to the DDA on Nov 18th and to City Council on Nov 19th. Dave stated if someone is looking to submit an application for Winter Wonderland, they can submit an application but the first application submitted will be reviewed for approval first.
 - d. Jingle Bell Run: Tom will be submitting his list of barricades. Tom requested advice regarding location of security. ERC suggested he speak with Brian Thiers.
- V. Realize Bradenton: met with Gary for the Blues Fest. Morgan will be coming to ERC to discuss the event next week. Brian and Holly will meet at 1 pm at Pavilion to discuss Solid Waste services.
- VI. DDA: Signs at RW: in process

10:16 Meeting adjourned