

## ERC MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 23, 2014

Attendance: Claude Tankersley, Mindy Piantanida, Curtis Johnson, Kenny Simunovic, Brian Henry, Dave Gustafson, Rene Raymond and Holly Lundgren.

Guests: Natalie Purcell & Stephanie Dolem – Miller Enterprises; Doug Schiller, James Morrison, Michael Lavalliere, Deanna Levensgood, Rhonda Robinson – Twilight 5k.

Meeting officially opened at 9:05 am.

- I. Public Works & Utilities Updates
  - a. Cigarette Litter Prevention Program: New mountings appear to be working. Keep Manatee Beautiful is working to have the 9 receptacles replaced.
  - b. Riverwalk Camera Signage: All the signs have been installed.
- II. Post Event Review:
  - a. Twilight 5k and Miller Enterprises post event review discussion. The Bradenton Herald is leasing the first and second floor of the property. There is a law firm that owns the third floor. Dave Gustafson explained that ERC never gives permission for usage of any property outside of City owned property. Miller Enterprises explained they refused the request of permission for Twilight 5k to utilize the parking lot. Curtis Johnson explained they can have the vehicles towed. Doug explained he secured the Suntrust parking lot. The entry to the lot was unavailable as well as parking being full due to another event taking place. Doug explained due to the constrictions he had no choice and was only using it for unloading. Doug also stated that people attending the Farmer's Market were utilizing the lot as well. Miller Enterprises stated they are here to educate events about their lots and that they are not permitted to park in any Miller Enterprises lots. Curtis suggested Miller Enterprise place a sign stating private parking and begin towing. Doug explained he received a letter from Peg, the Farmer's Market Manager, stating the area is approved for loading/unloading. Doug is requesting the area be coned off for the future to only allow loading/unloading. Dave recommended utilizing the City lot. Doug suggested coning off part of the City lot for loading/unloading. Doug provided a letter and flier for merchants and residents prior to the event. Twilight 5k requested usage of a golf cart to help them with signs. Dave explained we do not have a street legal golf cart to provide. Curtis explained the police department has a mule that Police can operate and use during events, however, the request needs to be made prior to the event. Doug provided samples of signs utilized during the event. Doug stated the CSX railroad does not have a number near the track. Police explained the train cannot stop and the route needs to be planned accordingly.
- III. Event Review and Collaboration
  - a. Main St Live: Kenny reported that Pub 88 stated that Dave Gustafson is allowing the Vendors to have food and beverages out until midnight during events. As a result, the bars want to be open later during events. Dave G. stated it was up to the Police Department. Curtis would like the closing time to remain the same. Merchants will receive a warning at 10:30 pm to start packing their outside bar and can only serve inside the bar after 11:00. Dave Gustafson stated if the merchants have an issue they should schedule a time to discuss their concerns with the ERC. The road will reopen at 2:30 am and barricades will be removed.
  - b. Children's Fall Festival: they might be utilizing cones to block a road. Curtis explained they would need to pay for Police at the road block.

- c. Manatee Association of Realtors: there will not be a car show. No need for cones or barricades. Curtis explained there will still be four Officers because of the number of vendors and alcohol being served.
- d. Mana-Con: They need the stage and Rene will collect the money from the Event. Rene and Mindy have worked through the process for payments. The event is on private property and they have not requested Police security, however, they indicated they might have private security.
- e. Curtis explained the concern for parking when there are many events happening at the same time. Dave G. stated he doesn't believe we have reached the point of saturation yet.
- f. Halloween Main St. Live: the stage company is requesting a road closure for the first time setup. Dave G. wants ERC to make the decision. They want the road closure at 1 pm for a 5 pm event. They want to come early to learn the site. Claude requested they do a dry run set-up on a time and day when it would be less of a hardship on the area. Dave G. said they would need to follow the same timeframe of a 2:30 pm set-up as other events. Dave G. said Del Couch may have a stage to be utilized for events. The alley should be available in about one month for set-up and breakdown. The Public Works Director now has authority to approve a non-emergency road closure if there isn't enough time to bring it to Council.
- g. New Events
  - i. Annual Easter Sunrise Service was approved by Council. They will be charged the appropriate fee for the Amphitheater. Dave G. stated the rules and fees in the manual need to be implemented for all events.
  - ii. Annual DeSoto Heritage Bottle Boat Regatta was approved by Council. Brian stated a roll-off container will be placed for the event.
  - iii. Care Net Walk for Life on March 28<sup>th</sup> is on hold.
  - iv. Winter Wonderland/Sounds of the Season: Sat. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> is on hold.
  - v. Falcon 5k: Boys & Girls Club, St. Stephens, and Fit 2 Run will be having the event over the bridge. They also want to do a pancake breakfast afterwards. Rene stated she received a call requesting to amend their application.
- h. Police Dept. Updates
  - i. Curtis shared that the amount of events on February is a strain on the Police Dept. Parking and gridlock are concerns. Claude suggested pedi-cabs. The Farmer's Market adds a road closure. Holly will discuss with Johnette the possibility of moving the Farmer's Market to another location.
- i. DDA Updates
  - i. Dave G. stated a group is requesting to place a piece of play equipment at Riverwalk for disabled kids.
- j. Miscellaneous
  - i. Verizon building- future art installation to the building on Main St.: Issues associated with liability are still being worked out.

Meeting adjourned at 10:38.