

ERC MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 23, 2015

Attendance: Claude Tankersley, Mindy Piantanida, Leo Donnelly, Justin Gause, Brian Henry, Gary Kinder, Holly Lundgren, and Rene' Raymond.

Additional Attendees: Tom Orehowsky, Race Consultant

Meeting opened at 9:02 am.

Post Event Review:

- Pirates and Princesses: The event holder forgot to put up parking signs. The event went well according to Tom. There was great cooperation with the Police dept.

Event Review and Collaboration:

- Embracing Our Differences: We've had some issues with vandalism. Next year there won't be slits in the bottom. The signs will be removed prior to Pickin' Picnic.
- Annual Manatee Victims' Rights Candlelight Vigil: we are all set.
- DeSoto Parade: The race is all set to go. Set up at 3:00 at School board admin building. The area is sealed off for the runners. Runners will be bussed to Manatee High. No dogs or strollers allowed. The race will start at 6:15. The trainer from Manatee High will be following in the golf cart with an AED unit. Compliments were given to Solid Waste and Public Works for the efforts in prior years to make the event a success.
- Cinco De Mayo: services are all set for this event.
- Pickin Picnic: There will be 8 Officers. They are using the same site plan as last year. 2 pm – 10 pm. The music starts at 3. Alcohol will be served. The ice truck will be picked up on Sunday. The port-o-lets will be picked up on Monday. Realize Bradenton is working with Taylor Rental. The stage is 4 x 4 pieces bolted together. About 2' off the ground. A performer would like to utilize flames. If he provides insurance and is a professional, then it is approved.

New Events

- Ribfest: they are planning to use McKechnie Field and Public Works and Utilities lots.
- Community Christian Schools: Electricity at the Amphitheater is needed.
- St. Joseph's: November 14th. The Eagle Classic Race. Starting at the library, turnaround at 6th St and Manatee Ave. Tom Orehowsky will be running the race.
- Wedding reception was requested at Lewis Park. A beer truck was requested. Our parks were not designed to be venues. Under the current budgeting revenues, we do not have a parks and recreation budget. To begin allowing parks to be venues, Ad Valorem taxes may need to be increased. We currently do not have the resources to allow all parks to hold venues of this magnitude. Riverwalk is an option for a wedding venue. Our

ordinance on parks does not allow Lewis Park to be a venue. ERC recommends to not allowing event rentals for parks outside of Riverwalk at this time.

- Ghost 5k: October 17th. 3 pm - 7:30 pm. A children's run will take place at 3 pm. Street closures suggested. They will be having a poker walk. 500 people are anticipated. This will be going to Council.
- Jingle Bell Run: 20th Anniversary race. Estimating 2,000 people. This is an evening race. There are a lot of complications. ERC is suggesting that requirements are set and the Arthritis Foundation will need to prove the requirements have been met by a specific deadline. Rene will contact Tom for his list of requirements. ERC also suggests moving it to daytime.
- A family reunion is requesting to rent Riverwalk for 3 weeks. They plan to bring in a skating rink and provide carnival style activities. They would replace the grass and return the venue back to pre-event conditions.

Public Works & Utilities

- Fishing and cast-netting off the seawall: Gary will call BPD when people seem to be leaving the area dirty.
- Lighting at Riverwalk: all the bulbs have been replaced; however, we are working on getting a circuit fixed.

DDA

- Verizon: We received the architectural review.

Realize Bradenton

- Jeremy will work with Chris Bald on the website.

Meeting adjourned 10:42 am.