

**MINUTES**

**REGULAR ADJOURNED**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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**PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION**

**NOVEMBER 2, 2004**

The Regular Adjourned City Council Meeting/Regular Park and Activities Commission Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by MAYOR MITCHELL.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Allen, Clewis, Davis, Pagliano, Pekich, Persichina, Pierson

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Douglas R. Prichard, City Manager

Andy Clark, Community Services Director

Greg Grammer, Administrative Analyst

Hope Nolan, Deputy City Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: John McBride (ESC Liaison)

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

MAYOR MITCHELL welcomed everyone to the meeting. She then asked all attendees to introduce themselves. After the introductions, MAYOR MITCHELL turned the meeting over to PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION CHAIRMAN PEKICH.

**OVERVIEW OF 47<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CITY CELEBRATION**

CHAIRMAN PEKICH thanked the City Celebration Subcommittee (Commissioners Allen, Davis and Pagliano) for a job well done. He stated that even though he did not attend this year's City Celebration, he received positive comments that it was very well attended, especially at the dinner hour.

**GENERAL REMARKS, COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS**

Discussion ensued regarding other aspects of the City Celebration as follows:

Venue – Discussion ensued regarding parking at the Empty Saddle Club. This year, the parking problems worked themselves out, and it was noted that the high school volunteers were very helpful. John McBride, Empty Saddle Club liaison, stated it would be helpful if the parking personnel had walkie talkies to guide cars to empty spaces that cannot be seen at the front of the parking lot.

Events – Mr. McBride stated the hay wagon ride was very popular. He asked that perhaps next

year, the City could ask the John Deere Company to furnish a new tractor to tow the hay wagon.

COMMISSIONER CLEWIS stated she received a request that the pony rides, petting zoo, childrens' activities in general, start earlier.

COMMISSIONER ALLEN stated there is a void between noon and when the childrens activities start. He added that the childrens' games could start earlier to fill this void.

Discussions ensued regarding the amount of dinners ordered, the time of serving, and the sale of other food before the dinner is offered. COMMISSIONER ALLEN stated that next year, the Pony Club must stop the sale of their food at least one hour before the start of the dinner service. Also, the dinner service should start at 4:30 pm or 5:00 pm, to avoid the lull in the dinner line that was experienced this year. It was noted that next year, 400 dinners will be ordered.

After some discussion, it was the consensus that a ticket for coffee or punch, and a ticket for cake be included with the dinner ticket. Mr. McBride stated the Empty Saddle Club will provide coffee and a fruit drink next year at the dinner hour, for those who have a drink ticket.

MAYOR MITCHELL summarized the suggestions as follows:

Mayor's Welcome and Introduction of Guests be scheduled between 12 noon and 1:00 p.m., rather than at 4:45 p.m.;

Schedule more childrens' events between 12 noon and 3:00 p.m.;

Tickets for cake and a drink be provided with each dinner ticket, and that the Empty Saddle Club will supply coffee or fruit punch during the dinner hours, for those who have a ticket.

Rides and Booths – It was noted that there was plenty of room to accommodate more booths, if more applications for booths are received next year.

Promotions – The Administrative Analyst noted that banners, newspaper ads, Newsletter article, press releases, and an invitation from the MAYOR with free coupons to all residents, were a few of the promotional means to publicize the City Celebration. Street banners were suggested to be placed at the entry to Empty Saddle Lane.

Financial Summary – CHAIRMAN PEKICH thanked COMMISSIONER ALLEN for working with Chicago For Ribs. COMMISSIONER ALLEN stated that next year, the cost for the food will go up. The dinner ticket price will be increased from \$10 to \$12 next year.

CHAIRMAN PEKICH thanked COMMISSIONER DAVIS for obtaining the donation from BFI this year, and coordinating equestrian activities.

### **DISCUSSION/SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE CELEBRATIONS**

Mr. McBride complimented the City Manager and City Council for the quality of workers in the City's Maintenance Department. He added that the Maintenance staff's attitudes were spectacular and not one worker complained and did more than what was expected.

COMMISSIONER ALLEN thanked the Community Services Director, Mike Goldsmith (Maintenance Leadman) and Glenn Patmore (Maintenance Worker I) who worked from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Congratulations to the CITY TEAM FOR DEFEATING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AT THIS YEAR'S CITY CELEBRATION VOLLEYBALL EVENT!!

### **ADJOURNMENT**

COMMISSIONER PERSICHINA moved, seconded by COMMISSIONER ALLEN

TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, THE TIME BEING 7:06 P.M.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR MITCHELL SO ORDERED.

Respectfully submitted, Approved,

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Douglas R. Prichard, City Clerk

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Ellen Shinkai, Minutes Secretary