

HCCE MEETING MINUTES
August 13, 2020 (via Zoom)

Call to order - 7:03pm

Members Present: John Breslin, Liz Breslin, DeAnna Kornaus, Chris Kornaus, Mike Blejski, John Salzeider, Mike Cardone, Jacqui Herrera, Kristen Smith, Dean Smith

Others Present: Trevor Kinley (Parks), Roger Sheeman (TC liaison), Tom Black (TC), Robin Russo (Resident)

Minutes- Approved by Chris; seconded by Dean

Financial Report – n/a

Liaison Reports- Parks confirmed availability of Main Square and Sheeman confirmed security for Fall Festival; both inquired about further details of event (which was discussed as we continued meeting)

Work Groups

Highland Yard Sale-Jacqui- went very well as indicated in comments received in person, on Facebook and in email responses. Overall a great success. Both sellers and buyers made suggestions of a full weekend instead of 1 day and possibly doing a Spring/Summer & Fall date in the future. Committee agreed to continue this event moving forward.

***Memorial Day-**May 25-Kristen, Christine – N/A

Arts & Crafts- Jacqui, Kristen – Discussed considering bringing in some vendors now that HMS cancelled the Maker's Market

Fireworks-Liz B, John- will run same as 4th of July Fireworks at Homestead Park

***Kiddie Parade-**Chris, Mike B – N/A

***Twilight Parade-**Christine, Liz A, Kristen – N/A

Entertainment-Tom Lounges- unavailable (sent concerns via Breslin's as brought up during Fall Festival discussion)

Foods-Liz B, Jacqui, Kristen- have 6 confirmed vendors at this point

Publicity- Kristen, Liz A – N/A

Security -Roger – confirmed availability that weekend

Grounds-John, Dean, Chris – confirmed they have some fencing, but dependent on location/size of area for vendors, we may need to get more

Beer Garden- setup same as for 4th of July, surrounding Beer vendor, food vendors and stage area

Fall Festival Sept 25-27, 2020

Liz said insurance policy at \$3300 came back from Crowel, which increased due to beer and Covid addendums; Crowel mentioned we should change policy moving forward and charge a fee to liquor vendor that way we would eliminate our need to cover insurance for beer at event; Donnie's insurance is in also.

Liz mentioned Tom was concerned with booking bands. He had a Beatles/Elvis tribute band he wanted to book but they would require a significant deposit and he wanted to know what the policy would be if the event cancelled. Mark Schocke relayed to Breslin's that Town will not reimburse Tom if he loses deposits if we cancel. Mark will know better by Monday what the decision will be as to the Festival.

Tom Black relayed that Police Dept has reservations about the Festival and do not think the VIPS would be participating. His recommendation would be to cancel the event.

The Parks Dept believes it will be too difficult to staff and also do all the necessary procedures to follow safety guidelines set by Governor's Stage 4.5/Covid mandate.

Fire Dept would also have possible staffing issues.

Roger Sheeman reiterated the same concerns that Tom Black mentioned, reiterated that HMS cancelled their event for that weekend, and was wondering what Griffith was doing with Rock 'n' Rail which is Labor Day weekend. He also discussed that grant money may be available to host an event (State Arts Council) and to look into it.

John B mentioned that other places are doing music events, although not necessarily to the extent of what we are proposing to do. Also voiced if we go to Stage 5 then masks will not even be an issue.

DeAnna voiced concerns in how we would limit numbers of

people at beer garden area and that she doesn't think we can do this safely.

Kristen's also concerned as to how do we market event and safety mandates.

Chris is concerned about how we would even enforce safety mandates. Mike B offered advice to do it "just like restaurants do." However, who's going to monitor this.

Kristen asked what happens if board of health shows up and people are not complying, can they shut it down.

Mike B said people should/could police themselves.

Kristen shares Pete's concern with protests.

Roger clarified that local Covid mandates mean we'd have to ensure social distancing, meaning marking lines, etc, and this would be easier if we go to stage 5 on August 27th

John B asked what was reasoning behind HMS cancelling market; Roger said a lot of vendors backed out and HMS was not willing to move forward with an event.

Tom Black said they can't make an "official" decision on Monday as it was a study session but we could attend and get a good consensus of what the TC was feeling in terms of moving forward with the Festival.

Chris mentioned Donnie said carnival would do no less than 3 days for an event, and even if we condensed it down to a one day event, then everyone will come on that one day so definitely not social distancing.

DeAnna suggested we only do the Fireworks, Liz B disagreed. Mike B and Dean questioned clarification on mandate that it is maintaining 6 foot or wear a mask, not both

DeAnna mentioned the cancellation of schools.

Kristen brought up how small the ticket booth is and how would volunteers distance in the enclosed space; Roger said possibly getting M95 masks for volunteers; Dean asked if there was any possibility of using remote ticket booths for this event, no wristbands or a shorter window of times to get bands; Chris doesn't agree to family in the booth issue; Committee discussed reducing income by having Carnival employees do the booth, but Town Council wanted them to do counts; Kristen agreed that maybe we should think about doing that as we only 20% for Fall Festival anyways; payout to employees would be

at an hourly rate of \$15/hour and we would get paid for tickets & wristbands sold.

Roger said Committee had to tell Donnie that all ride operators would need to wear mask and adhere to sanitation and guidelines and spacing of rides. Also, if council votes to go ahead, then we would need to have another interim meeting to get specifics down; John B mentioned another meeting in 2 weeks, August 27th

Kristen said maybe we could use old radios at ticket booth for ease of hearing customers through masks.

Chris and DeAnna voiced concerns about participation and attendance at this event due to concerned people and the weather during this time possibly not making event worth the time and effort to meet all the guidelines in place and deal with possible upset people who don't want to comply.

Roger asked should we buy extra masks for people who forget. Fall Festival discussion ended with consensus to see what TC decides at upcoming meeting and then go from there.

Trunk or Treat Oct 24, (rain date Oct 25) (Kristen/DeAnna/Chris)- Kristen for CN; tabled

Santa Parade(Sat Nov 28)-DeAnna, Chris - tabled

Old Business

T-Shirts- email going out to confirm shirt sizes needed

New Business

Introductions- Robin Russo introduced to group, group to Robin

Robin voiced that she felt TC should go forward with festival as theatres are opening up soon and she doesn't understand why it should be hard to have event, especially one outdoors

Next Meeting Sept 10, 2020 at 7 pm

Adjournment 8:27pm motion by Chris/ second Liz B

FALL FEST
Fri Sep 25

5p-9p

Sat Sep 26

11a-9p (Fireworks 9p)

Sun Sep 27

11a-9p