



City of Mount Rainier
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Recreation Committee Meeting
Time: October 10, 2024 at 06:30 PM Eastern Time by Zoom
Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Stephanie Schlesinger, Co-Chair
Emily Bird, Co-Chair
Megan Haber, Committee Member
Pink Howell, City Communications

The meeting started at 6:35 p.m.

Recreation Committee Agenda – 10/10

- Approval of September meeting minutes (Committee Vote)
- Update on Grant Applications
- Event Planning Discussions
 - Feedback from Porchfest
 - Halloween Trunk or Treat (Committee Vote)
 - Sweaty Sweater/5k
- New Business

Minutes

COMMITTEE VOTES

- September meeting minutes – **APPROVED**
- Reimbursement of up to \$500 for apples/candy/other décor items for Halloween Trunk or Treat – **APPROVED**
- Reimbursement of up to \$50 for promotional materials for Porchfest – **APPROVED**

Approval of September meeting minutes (Committee Vote)

Update on Grant Applications

- Last meeting we voted to approve the Gateway Farmers Market (October); Valerie to connect with the City to follow up on status of grant agreement
- The Committee will follow up with Thomas Stone Elementary PTO for additional information to complete the recent grant application that came in on 9/23. The plan will be to review and vote at the next Committee meeting.
- The committee received a grant application pm 10/10 and will plan to review and vote at the November Committee meeting.
- The Committee discussed ideas to schedule grant review application periods so we can review proposals holistically.

Event Planning Discussions

- **Feedback from Porchfest**
 - Well-attended event overall. Have received great feedback and the Committee will plan to host again in 2025.
 - Considerations for next year
 - Additional signage for participating porches; information on what's next/locations at all portions. Tweaks to Run of Show.
 - Ask Police for a heavier presence at event or perhaps at the "Main Stage"
 - Emily to follow up with Becca for her receipts
- **Halloween Trunk or Treat (Committee Vote)**
 - October 26; set up at 4pm and start at 5pm
 - Vote to support up to \$500 in apples/gear/decorations for Trunk or Treat participation
- **Sweaty Sweater/5k**
 - Route
 - Double check the route is a true 5K; Valerie to send Megan previous route for confirmation
 - Bathroom
 - Consider checking in with the city OR if Mt Rainier Elementary could be open during the time; ask if moving Throne for the day would be possible
 - Better route signage
 - Discuss at November meeting how to better mark the route
 - Megan to run route and consider where signage should be placed
 - Medals
 - Keep the same design as previous years
 - Ask the City to purchase on our behalf; Steph to send Valerie link
 - Police involvement
 - Valerie confirmed police are aware and good to participate
 - Police explorers will also participate
 - Valerie to talk through signage/blockades with the Police Department
 - Treats
 - Yes, absolutely keep the treats and food
 - Promotional schedule

- Initial start in October; big push to happen post-Halloween
- Valerie to connect with Pink for development of graphics, etc.
- Steph to share signup link and details with group ahead of promotions
- Reward system instead of gift cards
 - Discuss at November meeting; Valerie to discuss with City Manager to determine best way forward

New Business

No new business to report/discuss

Meeting closed at 7:12pm