



City of Mount Rainier
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Recreation Committee Meeting

Time: March 13, 2024, at 07:00 PM Eastern Time by Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Bob Vanderbilt, Co-Chair
Stephanie Schlesinger, Co-Chair
Emily Bird, Committee Member
Bethany Van Kampen-Saravia, Committee Member
Tracy Meserve, Committee Member

The meeting started at 7:05 p.m.

Recreation Committee Agenda - 3/13

- Approval of February meeting minutes (attached)
- Discuss upcoming event details and logistics
 - Community Clean Up Day -- April 20
 - Decide on map
 - Promotions/signage
 - Additional items
 - Pride Parade - June 15
 - Drag queens
 - Parade route
 - Police/city involvement
 - Additional items
- New Business

Minutes

- Approval of February meeting minutes (approved)
- **Eart Day Community Clean Up (Saturday, April 20)**
 - Votes
 - The committee voted and approved not to exceed budget of \$500 for team brunch from JJ Taqueria
 - The committee voted and approved the purchase of six trash pickers (2 per group)
 - Actions:
 - Valerie to ask Public Works about what to do with trash bags, trash pickers, rubber gloves, hand sanitizer
 - Start advertising on various channels
 - Email to Listserv
 - Ask Pink to advertise
 - Yard Signs – Emily to connect with the printer and place the orders
 - Purchase/get:
 - Hand sanitizer
 - Trash bags
 - Gloves
- **Pride Parade (Saturday, June 15)**
 - Drag Queen Participation **(Bob)**
 - 5 will participate and dance the parade route; Drag Queens to provide music; the Committee to determine how to play music during the Parade
 - Team to consider providing a donation to the organization for Drag Queen supporting Parade
 - Programming **(Bethany/Emily)**
 - Team to continue having conversations about programming; Valerie to provide updates on local official participation; team to connect with Valerie and then determine officials to invite **(Valerie/Bethany/Emily)**
 - Connect with the MtR librarian for Storytime and tabling for library cards (and participation in other events) **(Tracy)**
 - Tabling
 - Community organizations **(Bethany/Emily)**
 - Start to put together a list of community organizations
 - Call for local vendors/businesses that support LGBTQI+
 - Confirm where vendors/tables will be located
 - Potential tables:
 - Voter registration (Ophelia Baxter) **(Bob)**
 - MtR Library **(Tracy)**
 - Parade Route
 - Line up kicks off at 9:30 at Thomas Stone Elementary; 10:30 start off; 11:30 -1:30
 - Connect with the City to put out Pride flags along Main Street (confirm if we have or not)
 - Coordinate City Hall for end of parade location and where the program would happen
 - Contact Police for approval; draw up Parade Map
 - Things to hand out **(Steph/Tracy)**
 - Pride flags
 - Candy
 - Kid coloring books/activities
 - Ice cream
 - Face painting
 - Water
 - Talk to Cert team to get on calendar **(Steph)**

- **Mount Rainier PTO Carnival (Date TBD)**
 - Committee to support/co-sponsor; Follow up with Tim for details and how we can support; Follow up with Valerie for more detail (**Steph to connect**)
- **Community Meet Up** – add to the agenda to discuss more in future meetings
 - Meet local neighbors
 - Have some food/drink available; Council can show up
 - Find a location
- Close of meeting at **8:08pm**