

MINUTES
CITY OF DELANO
Spirit of Community Commission
Tuesday, July 10, 2018
7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Members present: Tammy Frommelt, Dale Graunke, Sarah Grosshuesch, Amy Johnson, Joe Kittok, Ted May, Steve Rogers, Becky Schaust

Liaisons: Madison Hagenau, Justin Markon, Nick Neaton

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Ted May at 7:02 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the June 12 meeting were approved on a motion by Dale and seconded by Tammy.

3. Special Order of Business

A. Focus groups updates and discussion

A City Visibility. Community relations group. Ted said the senior writers' group has a variety of writers. They are meeting Thursday, July 12 to review the community-relations document and add their suggestions.

B Strategic Roadmap. We discussed the 7/31 spirit of community breakfast. The speaker, Emily Popp, will discuss how volunteer groups can best use social media. Nick will delegate set-up and clean-up tasks via e-mail prior to the event.

C Welcome and connection for residents. The group discussed the National Night Out (NNO) event in Delano. After discussion, it was thought best to leave neighborhoods to do their own donation requests, as distributing donations among participating neighborhoods might be cumbersome. The city has received some donations towards National Night Out, which will be used for lawn signs promoting this year's events.

D How do we evaluate NNO? Commission members will work together to create a follow-up questionnaire for NNO hosts. This survey will also gauge interest in recruiting community members for participation in future events/city 'ambassadorship.'

E What do we see for next year? We will discuss the event with this year's hosts and make those decisions after the 2018 event.

B. Discussion of City mission, vision and values

A. What do commission members perceive as the diversity factors in Delano? German heritage, gender diversity, socioeconomic diversity, sexual orientation, etc.

B. What are the observable, measurable diversity factors? Persons of color, LGBT

individuals (to a certain extent), political participation.

C. How do we perceive or understand the differences, similarities and variations in cultural/ethnic/racial characteristics in our community?

D. How does our city promote diversity and inclusivity in its values statements? This is something that needs to be discussed. The city will meet at a bi-annual retreat this winter and the Spirit of Community Commission is invited to submit suggestions for more inclusive language in the city's value statements.

C. Common vocabulary

D. Other business

Lions law-enforcement appreciation event: Steve mentioned the Lions are interested in hosting a celebration/appreciation for law-enforcement members, perhaps in September. He will provide more information about this as more details are known.

Delano 4th of July Parade: Delano United Diversity Task Force had a float in the parade featuring a band.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m. on a motion by Steve and seconded by Becky.

The next meeting is Tuesday, September 11 at 7 p.m. at Delano City Hall.

Notes by Nick Neaton