

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF DELANO**  
**Spirit of Community Commission**  
**Tuesday, September 11, 2018**  
**7:00 PM**

**1. Call to Order**

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

**Members present:** Tammy Frommelt, Dale Graunke, Theresa Green, Sarah Grosshuesch, Joe Kittok, Ted May, Steve Rogers

**Liaisons:** Madison Hagenau, Justin Markon, Nick Neaton

**2. Roll Call**

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the July 10 meeting were approved on a motion by Dale and seconded by Steve.

**4. Special Order of Business**

A. Focus group updates and discussion

1. **City Visibility.** Community relations group. Ted said the senior writers' groups are currently discussing the document and the various ways in which to approach it. Madison will take over the document, as Justin is leaving Delano for a new job soon.
2. **Strategic Roadmap.** We discussed the 7/31 spirit of community breakfast, which was well attended with 40 - 50 participants. It was noted that perhaps the speaker, Emily Popp, was too advanced for some novice social-media users. Perhaps community members might be interested in a more entry-level class like "Facebook 101" or a Facebook "round table" where participants could ask questions of local experts.

Nick, Tammy, and Sarah will work together on planning a future Spirit of Community event.

1. **Welcome and connection for residents.** The group discussed the National Night Out (NNO) event in Delano. Approximately 18 neighborhoods held parties in 2018, up from approximately 10 parties in 2017. Feedback from commission members included:
  - paper invitations seemed to be a popular invite method.
  - the emergency-services personnel should consider splitting up and teaming with SOCC members to ensure that they visit every neighborhood.
  - nametags would be helpful
  - hosts appreciated the trash pickup that the City provided the next morning.
  - Rebecca Park Estates made a big neighborhood map and asked partygoers to mark their spot on the map.

- No parties on the southwest side of town - Westridge Hills, Parkview Hills, Fox Meadows.
- The city council should cancel its meeting altogether on NNO night so council members can participate, too.

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, age, disability, religion & faith, education, national origin, length of Delano residence, whether you have children or not, etc.

We discussed how the SOCC can maintain its visibility throughout the year. National Night Out created great energy and we want to continue to cultivate that movement of connecting neighbors and neighborhoods.

Commission members discussed having a presence at community events.

Ideas for that presence included:

- SOCC/City of Delano shirts to identify commission members/friendly faces
  - banners
- pamphlets or other print resources describing the SOCC's mission and relevance
- door prizes

City staff will develop a list of community events and distribute to commission members. The first event under consideration is the Old Fashioned Christmas (Saturday, December 1). In addition to the general discussion held at the meeting, SOCC members are asked to submit specific ideas about the potential format, appearance, content, and message of our participation in the event. Ideas should be submitted to Nick by Friday, October 5 for the October meeting agenda.

C. Common vocabulary

D. Other Business

Nick invited SOCC members to attend two upcoming YWCA trainings taking place in Delano:  
"Unconscious Bias" - October 11, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Delano Senior Center  
"Intersectionality and Identity" - November 3, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Delano Library  
Both trainings are free, but require registration through Delano Community Education. A third training, "Confronting Racism Minnesota-Style", will take place in January or February.

## 5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m. on a motion by Steve and seconded by Sarah.

The next meeting is Tuesday, October 9 at 7 p.m. at Delano City Hall.

