

MINUTES
CITY OF DELANO
Spirit of Community Commission
Tuesday, June 11, 2019
7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

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

Members present: Theresa Green, Sarah Grosshuesch, Diane Johnson, Joe Kittok, Ted May, Chad Kestner, Dale Graunke

Liaison: Ada Moreno

Guests: Chad Kestner Jr., Darren Schuler

2. Approve Minutes of May 14 meeting

On a motion by Sarah Grosshuesch, seconded by Chad Kestner, minutes of the May 14, 2019 meeting were approved.

3. Additions to agenda

Presentation by Chad Kestner Jr.

Discussion of Delano Wine and Arts Event

4. Order of Business

A. Discussion of Chad Kestner Jr.'s Commencement Speech

The Commission heard Chad's commencement speech and discussed the impact his words had on the community. The Commission highlighted his oratorical skills and noted how valuable it is to have young people focusing on how to learn from failure and to spread hope.

B. Elect Vice-Chairperson

Becky Schaust was nominated on a motion by Diane Johnson, seconded by Theresa Green. Becky was elected by consensus of the Commission.

C. Membership Update

Ada informed the Commission the City had not received any applications as of yet but that the position will remain open until filled.

D. Review response to inquiries at the May 14 meeting regarding communication with City Council and other commissions

Ted discussed with Nick and Phil Kern a process in which the Commission could be informed of current city issues, developments, events, and trends, including city council agenda items

pertinent to Commission goals. Nick will assume responsibility for monitoring these topics and considerations and placing them on meeting agendas. Chad Kestner mentioned Nick currently does a great job at delivering timely City updates. In addition, Commission members are encouraged to keep abreast of city issues and affairs through the available media sources, print and online, and specifically monitor city council agendas and minutes.

The Commission has expressed interest in gaining greater familiarity and understanding of City policies. The vast volume of official policies requires a well-structured method of determining those policies relevant to Commission work. Ted proposed forming a subcommittee to review policies that may be of interest and pertinence to the Commission and present the substance of those policies at Commission meetings. Sarah and Chad volunteered to be part of the policy sub-committee.

E. National Night Out plans - August 6, 2019

The Commission discussed plans for National Night Out (Tuesday, August 6). The following methods of informing citizens and encouraging support were suggested.

1. Information on social media including expanding the community page to increase support. Chad discussed mentioning individuals in community posts to garner further support.
2. Highlighting that have been involved in the past to encourage neighborhoods to participate.
3. 3. Creating a master plan to develop and plan the event and to spread the workload among the different groups involved.
4. Ada mentioned Tracy Vetruba from the Public Safety Commission is interested in having a National Night Out planning meeting on Tuesday, June 25 in the evening. Commission were encouraged to attend.
5. Current city support for neighborhoods include signs, street blockades, trash pick-up, rescue squad and Wright County Sheriff visits to neighborhoods. The question of other services or resources the city could provide was presented.
6. Sarah talked about an aerial map of the neighborhoods participating in the events.
7. Ada talked about the GIS Story Map the city is currently working on for current development projects and inquired about the possibility of developing something similar.
8. Nick will send NNO information to neighborhood contacts from last year as well to citizens on the Commission's mailing list.
9. Articles will be submitted to the Delano Herald Journal.

F. Update on possible participation with Delano United in July 4 parade

Chad discussed having the younger generation help design the Delano United float. Ted proposed talking about the idea with the United Taskforce. Gwen Bottili will be contacted for further inquiry about the Commission's role in the July 4 parade. It did not appear Commission members have a strong interest in participating.

G. July 11 meeting with other community groups whose goals are an inclusive community environment

Commission discussed attending the Delano Diversity Group meeting.

H. Discussion of Wine and Art Event

Ted reviewed conversations with three citizens expressing concern about the May 31 Wine and Art event. Two were concerned that the proceeds from the event did not support an organization or group in the community, specifically, the proceeds went to a church in a neighboring community. The concerns revolved around how money was going out of town and how the event may detract from Delano's faith-based efforts.

Two persons clarified they are not opposed to support church fundraising as long as it is a church within the community. The second individual expressed concern that the event was not sufficiently advertised so as to inform potential attendees what organization was benefitting. The third concern came in a phone call Ted received questioning how Delano Wine and Spirits could act as a business agent for a religious organization and how doing so was a violation of the separation of church and state. The Commission inquired what type of policies the city has related to these events. Ted also noted that sponsorship organization was not identified in the publicity. The Commission discussed the role of the city in events where proceeds don't go directly to local churches or organizations. Dale discussed how local vendors and wineries used the event to promote their businesses and products. Questions posed by the Commission:

1. Should the city be in the business of officially permitting fundraisers by organizations that are not in Delano?
2. Was the sponsorship sufficiently advertised?
3. How can the citizens be better informed to decide where they want their contributions to go?
4. How to better communicate which events are locally sponsored events and which are not?
5. Is it legal for Delano Wine and Spirits to facilitate the sale of alcoholic beverages that are sold at a church sponsored event?

The Commission is requesting more information on these issues for further discussion. Ted will work with Phil to define the specific issues relating to this matter and will report at the July meeting.

5. Other Business

6. Adjournment

On a motion by Dale Graunke, seconded by Theresa Green, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday July 9, 7:00 p.m. at Delano City Hall