

MINUTES
CITY OF DELANO
Spirit of Community Commission
Tuesday, June 9, 2020
7:00 PM

1. ***PLEASE NOTE. Due to COVID-19, the meeting will be conducted via Zoom webinar conference as allowed under Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.021. For those who would like to view or listen to the public meeting, please log into Zoom by following this link:***

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2. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by chair Ted May.

Present: Theresa Green, Nick Neaton, Sarah Grosshuesch, Jennifer Slipka, Becky Schaust, Ted May, Janell Gildemeister, Diane Johnson, Rebecca Gaida.

3. **Roll Call**

4. **Additions to Agenda**

5. **Minutes**

- A. March 10, 2020

On a motion by Jennifer, seconded by Becky, the commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

6. **Ice Breaker Question**

7. **Order of Business**

- A. US Census Count Committee update

Nick reported that Delano has a 82.9% self-response rate to the U.S. Census. This is higher than most neighboring cities. Minnesota currently has the highest self-response rate of any state in the U.S.

- B. Delano "Tiger Trail" proposal and 2026 sesquicentennial

SOCC members reviewed a proposal for a concept to promote downtown Delano and its history. The multi-phase plan features the inlay of several medallions on downtown sidewalks, as well as signage on significant buildings and structures.

Nick and Ted will develop a Google survey to distribute to SOCC members, asking for their input on specific questions about the project.

- C. Delano Loretto Area United Way "Response and Recovery" fund

Ted described a new fundraising initiative led by the local United Way chapter, specifically aimed at COVID-19 relief. Local United Way president Wendy Gilmer is soliciting donations from area banks in hopes of boosting the amount of funds raised. Individuals can donate to the fund on the Delano Loretto United Way site at delanolorettouw.org

D. National Night Out

The U.S. National Night Out organization is recommending that neighborhoods reschedule their August NNO dates until October 6, due to COVID-19 concerns. At their July meeting, the SOCC will decide whether Delano will observe NNO in August or in October. In the meantime, Nick will survey past years' NNO hosts for their thoughts on when to hold the event.

E. Update on nutrition services for area senior citizens during pandemic

Nick shared that the Delano Senior Center has delivered more than 12,000 meals to seniors in the greater Delano area since March 23. He has also worked with remodeling projects at the Delano Library and the Delano Heritage Center during the COVID-19 shutdown.

8. Other Business

9. Adjournment