

**CITY OF CAYCE
EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Via Zoom
February 11, 2021**

Present: Danny Creamer, Johnathon Moore, Alexis Moore, Maxine Creamer, Evony Reed, Cindy Pedersen, Brianne Siciliano, and Dwede Dennis

Absent: Dave Capps, Jonathan Palance

City Representative: Mendy Corder, Amanda Rowan

Chairperson Danny Creamer called the meeting to order. Cindy Petersen made a motion to approve the January 14, 2021 minutes as written and Alexis Moore seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Light Displays:

Danny asked if everyone had reviewed the light display options sent by Mendy Corder. A few minutes were allowed for members to look at the suggestions. Cindy stated she did not care for the skating bear display due to it being so much larger than the ice skaters. Cindy preferred the dancing ice skaters or the jumping fish display due to Cayce being on the river. Dwede stated she liked the fish as well. Alexis liked all the options Mendy sent to the Committee. Mendy stated the Santa display was 42' wide feet so it would need to be made smaller. Danny reminded the committee in the past they would purchase new light displays annually. Cindy felt the girl pulling the sled was cute but would like to purchase more than 1 so both could be displayed on the hill at City Hall. Johnathon M. agreed. Evony also liked the jumping fish. Danny asked what the time frame was and Mendy stated a decision would need to be made by February 25 to get the sale pricing.

Mendy added up current totals for the fish, girl pulling the sled, ice dancers and Santa. Without Santa the total would be around 8,000.00. The Santa price would need to be determined due to needing resized. A suggestion was made for City staff to meet with the parks team to discuss the options and determine which are feasible and if they still want additional net lighting. Mendy agreed that they would meet with parks before a final determination was made. Cindy made a motion to accept the four currently agreed upon, depending on parks decisions and Johnathon Moore seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Cindy asked if it would be possible to add Christmas decorations to Guignard Park. Mendy explained that this was attempted previously but was cost prohibitive. A suggestion was made to add spotlights or icicle lights to the trees in Guignard Park. This was agreed upon depending on the feedback from Parks staff.

Buffalo Soldiers:

Danny stated that Dave Capps had received notice that due to the pandemic the Buffalo Soldiers event scheduled for the summer has been changed to a virtual event live streaming from the State Museum. Unfortunately, due to other agreements with other cities, there is not a chance for Columbia to host in the future. Cindy made a recommendation to send a Thank You/ Regrets letter to the organization. Danny stated Maxine would draft one.

Soiree and Future Events:

Johnathon asked if the Fall Fest would be held in 2021. Mendy asked for the group's opinion on holding events during the pandemic. The majority felt they would attend if the event was held outdoors. The Soiree was discussed as well. Suggestions were made by Evony to limit the number of people, control access points, or spread the event over additional days. Johnathon mentioned that if it was changed too drastically it would no longer be the Soiree and would not be worth it. Mendy said she would keep the group updated on spring events. Danny stated the committee would wait until March to begin discussing the Fall Fest.

Nature Walks:

Mendy promised to contact Dr. Manke to discuss if the nature walks would proceed in the spring.

Ordinance:

Mendy reminded the committee of the new ordinance that was passed that states if a member misses more than 1/3 of the meetings in a year they may be removed from the Committee. She stated that there were no longer excused or unexcused absences, just absences.

Danny reminded the committee the next meeting would be held March 11. Johnathon made a motion to adjourn, Evony seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Maxine Creamer