

CITY OF CAYCE
EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
May 11, 2023

Present: Cindy Pedersen, Johnathon Moore, Alexis Moore, Meghan Lightle, Byron Thomas, Danny Creamer, Maxine Creamer, Ebony Reed

Absent: Dwede Dennis, Robert Cathcart

Guest: Carrie Ridgeway

City Representatives: Amanda Rowan, James Denny

Chairperson Moore called the meeting to order. Ms. Reed said the invocation and Mr. Moore led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review of March 9, 2023 Minutes:

Ms. Lightle made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Capps seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Soiree on State:

Mr. Moore asked the committee for their feedback on the Soiree on State event. Ms. Reed stated she felt it went well but would like to see more variety in food trucks, while Ms. Moore thought the City should have additional face painters due to the wait time. Mr. Moore would like to set up the Committee tent in the future and hand out candy or popsicles. Mr. Capps stated the Jaycees offered to assist with events in the future. Mr. Moore asked the Committee to look over the list of suggested events gathered during the Soiree (see attached) and note which they would like to see the City host in the future. Ms. Reed suggested an idea of the "Taste of Cayce" involving local restaurants. Ms. Moore liked the idea of Art Crawls. Ms. Creamer liked the Lantern Tour suggestion. Mr. Moore requested members take the list home and circle their top five ideas.

Sport Subcommittee:

Mr. Capps researched three sports as possibilities for the Committee to host future events; 5K's, Pickleball, and Disc Golf. He stated a race would have the shortest prep time but the committee would need to hire a race director. The location could move yearly to different areas of Cayce. The Committee would design shirts with sponsors and partners on the back.

Mr. Capps stated that the Cayce Tennis and Fitness Center has a new director who is more favorable to Pickleball. Mr. Capps stated there were no Pickleball events in Cayce. Ms. Rowan brought up that the Public Safety Foundation has a yearly Pickleball Tournament with the Police Department and Special Olympics. Pickleball and Disc Golf are two growing sports and considered "green sports" (eco-friendly). A partnership with Lexington Recreation and Aging would be possible.

Mr. Capps passed around a few discs and explained the purpose of each for Disc Golf. The Committee would need to create a special disc to hand out during an event. A course would need created: Mr. Capps suggested two courses, one for recreation and one for tournaments. This could start with a temporary course to gauge interest.

Marketing:

Mr. Moore suggested members take flyers to hand out for the Guided Nature Tour and encouraged members to think of ways to get the word out regarding events. He stated that the City posts City events on the City's website and social media.

Nature Tour:

The Guided Nature Tour with Dr. Rudy Mancke will take place on May 20th at 10:00 and again at 1:00 pm. Mr. Moore volunteered for the 10:00 tour with Mr. Denny. Ms. Pedersen volunteered for the 1:00 pm tour. Ms. Rowan explained the set up and where to meet. Mr. Moore stated that he wanted 3 volunteers for each time slot and asked members to email him if available.

Cayce Cool Down:

Ms. Rowan briefly went over the idea of the water cool down event. She stated that it would be a two-hour event in July for people to come out and enjoy water activities. Ms. Rowan provided the first day of school for Lexington Two. Ms. Pedersen made a motion to hold the event on July 29, 2023 from 11am-1:00pm. Mr. Capps seconded. The motion as passed.

New Business:

Ms. Pedersen suggested a mud event for kids. Mr. Denny explained that the City does not have the property to host that type of event. Mr. Moore requested that members bring any new ideas to the Committee.

With no further business a motion was made by Ms. Lightle to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Capps seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by
Maxine Creamer

The next Events Committee meeting is June 8, 2023 at 5:30PM