

**Community Relations Committee  
MINUTES  
June 2, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM in the Town Hall.

Members present: Wicca Davidson (Chair), Scott Fosler (Liaison), Bob Lyford, Julie Stanish, Loretta Sevier, Julie Trocchio, Barbara Rose, Bridget Hartman, Jean Carlson, Erin Kopelman, and Ann Wild.

A motion to pass the May minutes was made by Erin Kopelman and seconded by Bob Lyford. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Old Business—Events/Community Service:**

- Wine and Welcome – Wicca Davidson reported that the Wine and Welcome event on Friday, May 20, was a great success. Attendees represented all ages and length of Town residency, including residents as new as a week in the Town and two who have lived here for more than 60 years. Comments were all positive, asking for similar events.
- Play Date in the Park – Kathie Legg is organizing this Play Date for Saturday, June 11, with refreshments. [Update: About 40 adults and children enjoyed the event.]
- Round House Theatre – Jean Carlson is organizing attendance at *The Who & the What*, a comedy about race and identity, on Thursday, June 9, at Round House. About 15 people have reserved seats; we can accommodate 30. Erin Kopelman reported it was the best play she has seen at Round House. [Update: Twenty-one residents enjoyed the show.]
- Summer Concert/Food Trucks Event – This event, unfortunately, has been cancelled. The only date available for the band was two weeks after the Fourth of July, and the Committee concluded the proximity would impact attendance. Motion to cancel was made by Julie Trocchio, seconded by Bridget Hartman, and agreed to by the Committee.
- Rising Kindergarten/Primary School Play Date – Bridget Hartman is Committee liaison for this event, and Town resident Amy Carpenter is coordinating. The event, with refreshments, allows parents who have questions about their children entering kindergarten to get advice from parents of children through second grade who have gone through the process. All this while their children play.
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and Picnic – Wicca Davidson will coordinate. Scott Foster will MC. Food, drinks, and decoration and food materials are being ordered by Town staff. Many volunteers are needed for such functions as setting up; getting decorations ready for bikers, strollers, and games; and cleaning up. A request for volunteer help will go out on the Town Crier and Town Neighbors. Volunteers for set-up should come at 9 AM.

- Progressive Dinner – Loretta Sevier will find a partner to help coordinate the Progressive Dinner on Saturday, October 22. The Committee agreed that while this event requires a great deal of work, many Town residents look forward to it.
- 2018 Town Centennial – Wicca Davidson reported that Mayor Scott Foster is appointing a Committee to work on the many facets of honoring the Town’s centennial.

**Old Business — Communications:**

- Analyzing and Prioritizing Communications Sub-Committee – Wicca Davidson reported that the work of the Analyzing and Prioritizing Communications Sub-Committee concluded that the Town has sufficient communications vehicles, but could use them in better ways. Several of the Sub-Committee’s recommendations are being put into place.
- Welcome Package Report Update – Wicca Davidson reported that Scott Foster will talk to the Town staff about ordering tote bags with the Town Logo. Once bags are ordered and filled with such things as a welcome letter from the Mayor, Committee members will deliver the bags to new residents. The Committee recommended that we order extra bags for sale to residents, with Julie Trocchio suggesting that the profits be given to a charity. [Update – We have ordered and received 500 tote bags.]

**New Business — Events/Community Service:**

- Last Meeting of the Year – Wicca Davidson led a discussion of the year’s events. Many Committee members were singled out and thanked for coordinating events and providing other roles. All members thanked and congratulated Wicca on being a successful Committee chair.
- Planning Discussion for Future Events – The Committee discussed possible future events.
- Neighborhood Watch Update – Wicca Davidson reported that the Town Council must approve moving the Neighborhood Watch program to the Public Services Committee, which is being done at that committee’s request with our Committee’s agreement. Scott Fosler will take this motion to the Town Council.

**Other Business:**

- Introduction of Scott Fosler – The Committee welcomed Town Mayor Scott Fosler as our new Committee Liaison, and Committee members individually introduced themselves.
- Reminder to Sign Up for Next Year’s Committee – Wicca Davidson reminded Committee members that they have to sign up if they want to serve again next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Trocchio

Minutes edited by Ann Wild