

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

**7 September 2022
7:00 PM – via Zoom**

Note: Residents are welcome to attend all Committee meetings.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM via Zoom.
- Members Present: Marjorie Shaw, Jeremy Eig, Julie Stanish, Barbara Rose, Julia Bellinger, Amanda Klovers, Dian Seidel, Chris Files, Tandra Leonard, Quynh Tran, Aki Peritz, and Anne Patterson
- Town Liaison Irene Lane attended
- June 2022 Meeting Minutes approved by Barbara & Cathy
- There were no public comments

OLD BUSINESS

Events/Community Service

1. Fourth of July (Aki)
 - Well attended and overall, successful but there were some lessons learned:
 - Montgomery County Dept of Health arrived 10 min prior to event and mandated use of tents to cover food. Red, White & Blue were able to secure 4 tents. Delay resulted in long line but event moved fwd. Recommend TOCC purchase tents for our events, provided we've a place to store them w/ the Town Office.
 - Environment & Climate Committee took on composting, resulting in change confusion and miscommunication. Compost was scheduled to be picked up next day, which did not work given no place to store compost overnight. In the end, had to throw out compost with garbage. Recommend Community Relations Committee retain management of composting moving forward.
2. Book Club (Marjorie)
 - Low attendance ~ 5 may not be reflective of interest but rather scheduling conflicts over summer.
3. Playground Playdate & Coffee (Amanda, Tandra)
 - High attendance ~ 30 with lots of new faces. Sign was helped people locate event.
4. Rosemary Hills Playdate (Jeremy)
 - Decent attendance ~ 20, mostly by rising K families. Sunday morning prior to first day of school seemed to have worked.
5. Traveling School (Irene)
 - Hybrid event ~ 25 attending. Resident & student at Maret presented her experience traveling with program over Spring semester as part of a capstone project.

NEW BUSINESS

Events: September

1. Sun, Sept 18, 5-6 pm: Rockville Concert Band (Julie)
 - Contact Julie if you can help set up chairs, starting at 3:45.

- If rain, band moves into Lawton Center; food trucks remain outside.
- Promote event using signs, can work with Trevor to create & order.

Events: October

1. Sat, Oct 15, 12-3 pm: Fall Festival with Lawton Center (Anne)
 - * Food trucks include Pepe, Crepes, Ben & Jerries
 - * Kids can enjoy seeing fire trucks which will hand out hats, pumpkin painting
 - * Bethesda Chevy Chase Band will perform (\$300 – 500)
 - * Lawton Center handling moon bounce, face painting, and some crafts – all in door
 - * Welcome table may be good to repeat provided we've enough volunteers for 30/60 min slots. Allows for greeting attendees, directing people to activities.
 - * Will see if Environment & Climate committee wants to have table.
 - * Will look into securing tents pending storage is available with Town Office.
 - * Rain plan is to move activities indoors; food trucks remain outside.
 - * Art Show will be held in Town Hall; currently have 3 artists & Wonders Early Development; prioritize Town Residents but can open up to outside artists if there's room
 - * Consider offering light fall-themed refreshments given feedback from Spring Festival

Events: Potential

1. Great Zucchini (Jeremy to look into possible availability)
2. Animal Petting Zoo (Amanda to look into possibility – Nov or Spring)
3. Oktoberfest (Cathy, Julia, Jeremy to coordinate dates in October)
4. Playground Playdate & Coffee (Amanda, Jeremy, Quynh to coordinate – consider rotating monthly)
5. Discussion & Desserts (Tambra to follow up w/ Aki for date – usually Th evening)
6. Tea Party (Amanda to look into possibility)
7. Movie Night for Adults (pending lead)
8. Source ideas for events on Town Listserv (Tambra to consider posting; expect wide range of ideas)

ADJOURNMENT

- Move to adjourn by Marjorie & Tambra

Next Meeting: October 5, 2022 @ 7 pm