

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING: Notes
April 5, 2023 @7:00 PM

Note: Residents are welcome to attend all Committee meetings.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Attendance:
 - CRC Members: Chris Files, Julie Stanish, Cathy Wolf, Quynh Tran, Irene Lane, Marjorie Shaw, Barbara Rose, Julia Bellinger
 - Member of the public: Joel Rubin
- Approval of March 2023 minutes – approved.
- Public Comments
 - Joel Rubin:
 - We should have more music in the Town Hall.
 - A “round”: several singer-songwriters will share a stage, sing their own songs
 - There aren’t many opportunities for singer songwriters to perform in this area
 - Joel has three performers in mind he’d like to invite to this event: Collins, Presada-Rao, & Wasilik
 - Date would be Thursday May 11
 - Should we pay these musicians to come to the Town? Would paying them be a problem, since the Town has some of its own singer songwriters?
 - We would pay them \$350 each (3 people)? Concern that is too much
 - We can guarantee a smaller amount, and have suggested donations above that.
 - Joel will handle talent, logistics
 - We can guarantee \$650, the rest is donations
 - Quynh will be the point person
 - Show will be 7-9 pm
 - Joel will write a blurb for the Forecast & Town Crier

OLD BUSINESS

Events/Community Service

Events: March

- Sunday, March 12 – Chili Dinner, 5 pm (Irene)
 - Went well. 160 people RSVPd, 120 people came (but many of them didn’t RSVP)
 - In the future, 150 should be our cap
 - The County Executive came
 - Lessons learned:
 - We created lots of trash. Next time we should use compostable materials, have compost buckets
 - We will need a volunteer to supervise & make sure people compost correctly
 - We need compost buckets, perhaps from the Compost Crew
 - A lot of little kids didn’t eat much, so we should order less food next time
- Sunday March 19 – Mahjong, 3pm -5 (Quynh)
 - It was a lot of fun.

- 14 people attended
- Weren't able to get coffee cups for the tea, because we didn't have the combination to the cabinets
- Flora is willing to do it every month on a Sunday from 3-5 pm
- Next time, we'll have 16 openings, with a beginner table
- Thursday, March 23, 7pm – Discussion and Desserts with Barney Rush (Quynh)
 - It went great. Great presentation.
 - 45 people came
- Monday, March 27 – TOCC Book Group, *The Marsh Queen* (Marjorie)
 - Went well. People asked great questions.
 - A number of people came who hadn't been to the book club before

Upcoming Events and New Business

- Sunday, April 16 – CPR Training & Certification by American Red Cross, 10 am -2 pm (Irene)
 - 50 people have signed up & paid
 - We have a waitlist
 - 90% of people paid via Venmo
 - Irene asked that the Town set up its own Venmo account
- Sunday, April 16 – Theatre Performance, *On the Far End* (Irene)
 - It's sold out – 25 tickets. All by Venmo
 - They upgraded our seats for free
- Sunday, April 30 – Spring Festival in Partnership with Lawton Center (Ref Anne's email)
 - The signs were printed incorrectly – doesn't say location, and says 11 PM instead of AM
 - No, we shouldn't have a TOCC table. It wasn't useful last time
 - Instead of buying a new water filter, we'll fill the buckets with ice that can melt.
 - We'll promote the event on the Listserv, Town Crier, Forecast
 - BCC Jazz Band - \$300
 - Clayboys - \$150 (to show up, people pay for their own ice)
 - Rita's: free
 - DZ Slices: pending
 - Cups - \$200
 - Soliciting volunteers from Boy Scouts
 - Police officer will be on site.
 - The County will provide: Face painting, moon bounce, arts & crafts, science kids activity, fire trucks
 - No art show this year
 - The food inspector likely will show up
- Saturday, May 13 – Dennison Garden Celebration, 3:30 pm (Irene)
 - Barney will speak, & a few other people
 - People from Nature Forward are coming
 - Kids can paint pots, plant seeds, learn about pollinators
 - Refreshments – flower cookies, cake pops, fruit, drinks
 - The day before Mother's Day

- Sunday, May 21 – The Great Zucchini, 10:30 am (Jeremy)
 - Jeremy isn't here, so skipping over it
- April 26: monthly coffee (Chris)
 - Wednesday the 26th is planned

Possible Future Events

- Gin-tasting on Sunday – June 4 (Quynh)
 - Early evening
 - Keep it gin, don't switch to whiskey
- Kentucky Derby event – May 6
 - Coronation is that day
 - Drink bourbon and mint juleps. We already have the bourbon
 - 6:45 is when the race starts. Start our event at 5:30
 - Cathy is point for this
 - Ask for RSVPs
- Lego event – pending proposal
 - Someone in the Town wants to propose a lego event
 - Maybe have a competition, with prizes
- Music event, with question re: process for soliciting proposals for community musicians
 - Skip since we had Joel's proposal
- Talent show
 - Skip for now
- Cooking competition – pies or desserts in general?
 - We'll do it in the fall
- Progressive Dinner—
 - Maybe next Spring
- Program on gun violence (Christine)
 - D&D in June
 - Chris will be the speaker
- Fourth of July (Aki)
 - We already started getting the permits
- The Rockville Concert Band –
 - They want to play at the Town
 - This would be outdoors
 - They want to do it in June, on a Sunday evening – proposed June 11
 - Julie will be point for this
 - It would be nice to have a food truck
 - 5-7 pm
- Cathy: should we do more to protect the kids walking to/from CCES
 - We could have an “eyes on the street” campaign
 - The Town is paying for more police coverage

OTHER BUSINESS

- Strategy Meeting – March 5 from 2-4 pm (save for Sept. meeting)

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting: May 3, 2023