

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

2 February 2022

7:00 PM – via Zoom

Sign-In Email committees@townofchevy Chase.org

Note: Residents are welcome to attend all Committee meetings.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. via ZOOM
- Members present: Members present: Tandra Leonard, Amanda Klovers, Peter Ladegaard, Marjorie Shaw, Cathy Wolf, Barbara Rose, Julie Stanish, Anne Patterson, Quynh Tran, Aki Peritz
- Town Liaison present: Irene Lane
- 01/2022 Meeting Minutes approved & accepted.
- There were no public comments.

Upcoming Events and New Business

Events/Community Service

- February Events on Schedule
 - Tuesday February 15 – Online Wine Tasting with Amanda Page (Julia)
 - Julia could not attend but confirmed all is good to move forward.
 - Low RSVP – 2 so far, so promotional push would be good to encourage more RSVPs
 - Thursday, February 24 – Gardening Event with Edamarie Mattei (Cathy)
 - It's all arranged. We will draft promotions for the Town Crier and listserv.
 - Cooking during COVID – (Cathy)
 - We have a few recipes so far; we are aiming for ten. We need to publicize this more.
 - Consider sharing out a "Recipe of the week" and consolidate them at the end
 - Barbara volunteered to help if needed.
- Brainstorming Discussion March, April and beyond, including:
 - March Coffee Meet-up (Tandra)
 - We're considering moving the time/day to when more people are available.
 - Event lasts an hour and could use two more volunteers (Quynh is one).
 - Currently intended for a Sunday at either 9 am or 10 am; Date and time TBD.
 - Thursday, March 10 Tree event with Tolbert V. Feather and Dave Walton (in collaboration with the Climate and Environment Committee) addressing the decline and death of larger trees over the past 3 years via Zoom. (Tandra)
 - Promote as time approaches; encourage residents to plant trees on private property; detect demand for plantings post event.
 - Solicit questions w RSVP We could ask people to send in questions in advance

- Sunday, April 24 Cherry Blossom themed Spring Fest (Anne)
 - Confirmed participation of BCC Jazz Band.
 - CEC with table or option to hand out flyers/display signs to promote Healthy Lawns and Quiet Landscaping ordinances tailored to our theme.
 - Origami – Marjorie to help follow up w specialist.
 - Food Trucks
 - Decided that hours would be 1 pm – 3 pm.
 - Ben & Jerry’s is confirmed - decided to serve free ice cream.
 - Working on 2 additional food trucks. Reached out to [DCPuddn Food Truck](#) - requires \$1000 minimum in food purchases. Also Poke Dojo – has not responded so far with details.
 - Discussed precedent of agreeing to food minimums, possibility of providing free “side” or voucher to musicians/volunteers.
 - Decided to consider additional food trucks.
 - The event is now scheduled for 1-3 pm. Considering moving it up to 12 pm so more people buy lunch from the food trucks.
- Artistic Expression during the pandemic (Irene)
 - Wonders early learning center is contributing; 4 other residents (piano composition, sculpture, paintings).
 - Nail down a date – to give folks deadline (coincide w/ Spring Fest on April 24 for more foot traffic).
 - Display art in town hall - Irene to reserve town hall for 1-3pm.
 - She needs help displaying the art in the Town Hall. Sculptures, paintings, etc. – discussed asking artists to help us figure out how to best display the art.
 - Perhaps display kids and adults’ artwork separately.
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- May -in-person event - program on Aki’s book, DISRUPTION
 - Discussion & Desserts – consider adding wine and cheese.
 - Aki to be point & confirm date – Emily to check date for townhall
 - He is flexible regarding the date.
- Amanda’s idea for another kids’ program
 - Bring in a company that brings animals for kids to pet
 - Squeals on Wheels – bunnies, ducks petting event
 - Consider Zimmerman Park to avoid having to get permit.
 - Amanda/Quynh to follow up with Emily to find out what permits we’d need and how difficult it would be.
 - Discussed scheduling it in May.
- Coordinate with other communities on Candidates Forum (MC County Council) Not moving forward, delete
- 5 K run (Peter)
 - Not moving forward, delete; will think of another event.
- Cathy: potential talk(s) - Astronomer in town about the telescope
 - [James Webb space telescope](#) – Town resident, with PhD in astrophysics being asked for Discussion & Desserts

- Cathy & Aki to follow up and nail down date, likely soon given potential of increasingly busy schedule.

OLD BUSINESS

- Events/Community Service
 - Monday, January 24 - Book Club – (Marjorie, Maryanne, Julie)
 - It went well; about 10 people came.
 - Wednesday, January 26 & 27 - Cyber Security Zoom presentation with Brian Geffert for parents and Seniors (Quynh)
 - Parents: 8 RSVPs and 7 attended live; Seniors: approximately 25 RSPDed and 17 attended live.
 - Sunday, January 30 - Kids outdoor scavenger hunt
 - It was really successful; over 35 children attended with their parents.
 - Online Board Games with Labyrinth Games and Puzzles (Tambra)
 - From Labyrinth's end, they said the games went well.
 - 12 RSVP'd, don't know how many showed up
 - Winter Coat Drive (Marjorie)
 - It's going well; about a box and a half donated each week, Miguel to confirm total.
 - Town Teens meet-up (Quynh)
 - They continue to update the list of Town Teens
 - They haven't moved forward with an event, possible ideas, board game night, knitting circle.

OTHER BUSINESS - none

ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: March 2, 2022