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Community and Civic Affairs Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2014


ATTEST/TOWN CLERK

In Attendance:

Chairman Cindy Kabel, Secretary Barbara Bresnahan, Member John Kabel, Guest Malisa Gaines Buchanan

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by motion of Barbara Bresnahan, seconded by Cindy Kabel.

Old Business:

Winterfest had a lower turn out than in years past, therefore, the Commission would like to move Winterfest back to 2 p.m. and earlier in the month (second weekend of December), also due to the Madrigal Singers being booked the first weekend of December. Regarding the House Decorating Contest, we will advertise earlier in the year next year in the hopes of more participation. We had not planned to have the decorating contest in 2013 but chose to do so late in the season, therefore, advertised later than normal.

Malisa Buchanan was a guest at this meeting, as a prospective new member. She offered these suggestions for Halloween on Main and Winterfest: Dog costume contest for Halloween on Main; Contact each business with a personal letter asking them to participate in Winterfest; A Bike Decorating Contest for Winterfest; Consider having a drive to raise money for Christmas lights for the Olympic Park tree.

Other Winterfest ideas included: A Tree Lighting at Winterfest (Olympic Park); Lights in town to be up right after Thanksgiving; An ice skating and bon fire event at the town's skating rink.

New Business:

Drastic changes to Summerfest were discussed, including change of time to 5 p.m through to fireworks at 9:15 p.m., carnival, food and activity vendors only and Commission-sponsored contests. New contest ideas include a glow-in-the-dark hat contest. The idea of an old-fashioned baseball game through Friends of Vintage Baseball out of Hartford was discussed.

Other New Business included a change to October, 2014's meeting date from the 13th (Columbus Day) to the 20th.

Adjournment:

John Kabel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m., Barbara Bresnahan seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Bresnahan, Secretary, Stafford Community and Civic Affairs Commission