

CITY OF CAYCE
EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
June 8, 2023

Present: Johnathon Moore, Alexis Moore, Meghan Lightle, Byron Thomas, Danny Creamer, Maxine Creamer, Cindy Pedersen, Dwede Dennis, Dave Capps

Absent: Evony Reed, Robert Cathcart

Guest: Carrie Ridgeway

City Representatives: Amanda Rowan, Mendy Corder

Chairperson Moore called the meeting to order. Mr. Moore led the invocation and Mr. Moore led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review of May 11, 2023 Minutes:

Mr. Creamer noted an error in the June meeting date. Ms. Lightle made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Ms. Moore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Guided Nature Tour:

Mr. Moore reviewed the Guided Nature Tours from May 20, 2023 with Dr. Rudy Mancke. Mr. Moore represented the Committee at the 10:00 a.m. tour with Mr. Denny representing the City at the 1:00 p.m. tour. The tours went well but they will need more volunteers from the committee in the future. The overall attendance was down from past tours, but the guests who came out enjoyed it. The next date for the Fall tours will be November 4, 2023 at 10:00 a.m and 1:00 p.m. again.

Cayce Cool Down:

The Cayce Cool Down Event is scheduled for July 29 from 11-1 p.m. Ms. Rowan explained that Hospitality Tax has been applied for to fund the event, but it has not yet gone to Council for approval. If approved, the committee will have approximately \$4,000.00 to spend on the slides, water soakers, pools, snow cones and various necessities. If this event is successful it can be expanded in the future. Mr. Moore asked if there would need to be a subcommittee for the event, but Ms. Corder stated she did not feel it was necessary at this point. Mr. Moore asked if there would be marketing and Ms. Corder stated that the City would be meeting with the marketing director in the next weeks for Fall Fest and would bring up the Cool Down Event at that time. Due to funding not being approved yet, Mr. Moore recommended changing the date to August. Ms. Corder suggested August 12th from 11-1 p.m. Ms. Moore made a motion to change the date, Ms. Creamer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Fall Fest:

The Cayce Fall Fest will be held October 7, 2023, at the Granby Gardens Park. Ms. Rowan stated that 2 of the 3 bands have confirmed their participation, The Accused and Willie Wells and the BMG. She was still waiting to hear back from Mystic Vibrations. Ms. Pedersen recommended looking at other bands and genres in case they could not participate. Ms. Corder suggested meeting with the owner of La Estrella for another cultural band if Mystic Vibrations fell through. Ms. Rowan requested the committee begin searching for a D.J. Mr. Moore stated that the D. J from last year would be willing to honor the past agreement. Mr. Thomas suggested looking into a 5K the morning of the Fall Fest in the future with Lexington Medical providing flu shots. Mr. Moore suggested holding another meeting once the funding is approved through the Accommodations and Hospitality Tax Committees. Mr. Thomas made a motion to accept an additional meeting with Ms. Pedersen seconding it. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Discussion:

Sport Subcommittee:

Ms. Pedersen discussed hosting Disc Golf and Pickleball events. She stated that Earlwood Park in Columbia has a disc golf course. Ms. Corder informed the committee that the City is hoping to have a recreation staff in the future for events such as these, but right now there is not staff available with that level of expertise to host these events. There also is not funding for these events. Mr. Capps recommended a temporary course event. Ms. Corder suggested Mr. Capps meet with Lexington County Recreation to have them host the events. Mr. Capps offered to set up a small course at the next meeting to demonstrate disc golf.

Ms. Pedersen requested the committee research creating ornaments for the next Christmas in Cayce events. Mr. Creamer suggested the Museum might want to do this.

With no further business a motion was made by Ms. Moore to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Creamer seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by
Maxine Creamer

The next Events Committee meeting is July 13, 2023 at 5:30PM