

**CITY OF CAYCE
EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
City Council Chambers
September 9, 2021**

Present: Danny Creamer, Maxine Creamer, Dwede Dennis, Robert Cathcart, Dave Capps, Cindy Pedersen, Evony Reed, Johnathon Moore, Brianne Siciliano

Absent: Alexis Moore

City Representative: Amanda Rowan, Mendy Corder

Review of Minutes: August 12, 2021

Chairperson Danny Creamer called the meeting to order. Minutes from the August 12, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Robert Cathcart made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Dwede Dennis seconded. Motion was passed unanimously.

Fall Fest:

Chairman Creamer explained that he had received a call from staff regarding the upcoming Fall Fest. With rising Covid numbers and current mandates, the committee would need to discuss the Fall Fest and decide whether to continue with the event, with modifications, or cancel. Mr. Creamer asked each member of the committee to speak with their thoughts regarding the event. Ms. Dennis spoke first, and stated she did not feel it was appropriate to continue with the event at this point in time, as the event usually caters towards children and modification would remove most of the children's area. She mentioned possibly doing a drive through type event. Ms. Reed agreed with those thoughts and stated she felt continuing with the event might give the appearance of the committee not taking the virus seriously. Ms. Reed also suggested a backup plan, possibly utilizing the racetrack in Cayce. Robert Cathcart stated he would like to see stringent measures put in place and the requirement of tests but did not want the event completely canceled. Dave Capps suggested utilizing pods either at the racetracks or in the field of Granby Gardens. Brianne Siciliano stated she felt it would be irresponsible to continue with the event due to current numbers and the affect the virus is having on children. She questioned if the event was worth the risks. Maxine Creamer expressed mixed emotions regarding cancelling the event. Jonathon Moore agreed, but added he did not want to see the event modified because that would not be the same event. He also felt that it was not worth the current risks/costs to continue. Cindy Pedersen also felt it would be irresponsible to continue with the Fall Fest due to current numbers and risks. Mr. Creamer expressed that he felt it was too late to change the event to an alternative, and given that the event has always been touted as safe for the family, and would not be this year, he did not want to see the event's reputation tarnished.

Mr. Creamer took a poll of members. 8 members were for canceling the event, 1 was for continuing. Jonathon Moore made the motion to cancel the 2021 Fall Fest, Brianne Siciliano seconded. The motion was passed.

Mendy would bring the Committee's thoughts to the Mayor and City Manager. The committee will begin focusing on the Carols Along the Riverwalk and Drive Through events.

Christmas Events:

Jonathon Moore expressed that he was concerned for the Christmas Carols Along the Riverwalk if numbers continue to rise. Alternative plans were discussed. Ms. Siciliano suggested moving the Carols to the Avenues

area, having cars drive through listening to carols. Mendy Corder also suggested State Street as an alternative location. Mr. Creamer felt the committee should research and begin working on the logistics for the Carols in case the Riverwalk was determined to be too close to maintain social distance.

New Business:

There was no new business to discuss.

Mr. Creamer reminded the committee the next meeting would be held **October 14, 2021**. Mr. Cathcart made a motion to adjourn, Ms. Reed seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Maxine Creamer