

## Community Development Commission

October 28, 2021 7:00pm

Rock Hill City Hall - 827 N Rock Hill Road, Saint Louis Missouri 63119

Respectfully Written by: Leonmarie Benner

7:10 pm **Meeting called to order** - Patricia Harris - Chairman

7:02 pm **Roll Call** -

**Attendees:** Pat Harris - Chairman,, Secretary: Leonmarie Benner, Maud Jeanty, Peggy McCree, Alderman: Ed Johnson, Katy Neiman-Parks and Recreation Superintendent

**Absent:** Mayor; Ed Mahan, William Mead

**7:15pm Approval of minutes of the September, 2021 meeting.** *Ed Johnson moved and Peggy McCree seconded* a motion to approve the minutes

### Reports and discussions;

Our main focus is the Fall Festival. We brainstormed ideas for RHFF 2022.

- Hayride
- Dog parade
- Pie eating contest
- Meet your neighbor
- T-shirts for festival goers to purchase
- T-shirts for volunteers
- Face painters and pumpkin decorating volunteers

The Fall Festival was viewed as a success. Some highlights

- Rides were great
- Well attended - even though it rained intermittently the participants kept coming
- The volunteers were great
- The petting zoo and horse rides were a hit
- The dunking booth a lot of fun and different
- The food was outstanding.

Room for improvement

- Music/Band needs to play the entire time
- Sign up for volunteers with high schools, Washington University, Private Schools
- The volunteer booth needs to be closer to the actual festival - too far
- T-shirts
- The ground was wet and muddy
- Accountability, commitment
- Lunch for volunteers?????

The Parade although a tradition is up for discussion -

- Uses a lot of our public resources
- Manchester will be shut down next year making the route a little challenging

- Lacking in participation
- Those who would be in the parade could become part of the festival events and activities. For example.... the WGH Band could assemble and play a few of their numbers. For example....the Shriners could ride their little motor cars on the blacktop. For example....the Drummer Core could perform on stage.
- A portion of Manchester Road being closed/shut down there are safety concerns.

**Events** Saturday with Santa - December 4, 2021 at Hudson Elementary School

**Round table** - No meeting for November (Thanksgiving), December (holidays)

NOTE: Meetings will be held IN PERSON in the CHAMBER at City Hall. The attendees will continue to abide by social distancing guidelines and if anyone feels uncomfortable can attend the meeting via zoom.

ASSIGNMENT: - Each CDC member is to find out an entertaining group who could perform at the 2022 RHFF; The group, rate, and availability - Each CDC member is to discover the volunteer protocol of a school; who the contact is, how far in advance do they need to know, how are the volunteers selected.

**Adjourned 8:26pm Next meeting will be January 27, 2022**