

## Community Development Commission

January 27, 2022 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, William Mead, Alderman: Ed Johnson, Katy Neiman-Parks and Recreation Superintendent

**7:00pm Approval of minutes of the October, 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. Several members of the CDC reached out to vendors investigating pricing, availability and content. We evaluated our process, approach, and vendor/entertainment/volunteer commitment.

Other discussions on the table to have a fun festival----hayrides, dog parade, pie eating contest; alderman, students, community members, t-shirts for festival goers to purchase; cost, the popularity, t-shirts for volunteers; a must,face painters and pumpkin decorating volunteers as the girl scouts will be stepping down from this duty.

Another discussion was the fact that Manchester will be shut down next year making the route challenging; should the parade be rerouted, shortened, canceled, etc.

We will still reach out to Webster GrovesHigh School Band, the Shriners, the drummer core to ask if they would perform on the black top

**Food-** tossing around the idea to have the food vendors on the street. This would free up space and create an area for seating for eating as one overlooks the festival.

Entertainment - lots of fun options were mentioned - each had a different style, costs and playing time requirement. We realize one must book early but we also want to make sure the entertainer(s) are the correct fit for our community festival.

**Volunteers;** Students who need service hours; IWA, Webster Groves, Hixson, Washington University.

**Petting zoo/Pony rides** - Cowboy Critters; *Leonmarie Benner moved and Peggy McCree seconded* a motion to secure the petting zoo

**Future Events** Yard Hearts.Sign up to have paper hearts placed in your yard for Valentine's

**Round table** - We expressed that we were grateful to meet personally in a comfortable setting.

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.

**Adjourned 8:16pm Next meeting will be February 24, 2022**