

Minutes for Recreation Commission Meeting held on Tues 9/19/23:

** Meeting called to order at 5:37pm

** Attendees: Charlene Meyer, Carla Belcher, Kimberley Stewart (by phone), Anneliese Clear.

** Absent: Chris von Korff, Chelle Magin

** Youth programs to consider offering in 2024:

- Home Alone & Babysitting classes. There are companies that offer these types of programs (also art, music, etc.), but they are cost prohibitive. Would likely need sponsors &/or city funds to keep this affordable.
- Farm Visits / Field Trips. Ex. to Tikkun Farm in Mt Healthy.
- Cincinnati Cooks offers youth classes. Promising ... Need more info on how to bring them to us.

** Fall Festival - Sat. Oct 21 from 1pm to 5pm

- Location same as last year - on Goodman Ave in business district.
- Balloon animals - NCH PD unable to do this, this year. Will need someone else. Carla to research.
- Basketball hoops to give teenagers something fun to do. Carla to research.
- DJ / Music - Just found out that our 1st choice DJ is not available (has a wedding that day). Discussed fallback plan of just using a cell phone + speaker, if necessary. Anneliese mentioned Toad productions is fantastic, but pricey. Kimberley has a connection & will reach out.
- Volunteer support needed, particularly for clean-up (5pm to 7pm time frame). Several UC students signed up, but not all of them will show.

** Parade - Sat. May 25 at 11:00am

- Many other parades in the area have already started planning.
- Parade participation has been slim for the past two years (2022 and 2023).
- Unable to engage previous participants due to lack of interest, no longer in the area (ex. Shriners), or too many other commitments/unavailable.
- Charlene mentioned that the NCH band students used to be required to participate in our parade, but school is now out the week before Memorial Day, instead of the week after.
- Anneliese mentioned that she called several organizations trying to secure a color guard for 2023 (Oaks JROTC's, VFW's, scouts, etc.), but all of them were either already booked for other parades, or unable to participate for various reasons. NCH band does not have a color guard.
- Discussed possibly joining forces with West College Hill and run the parade up Simpson to Galbraith. Kimberley has a contact (Michelle Ruff).

** Meeting adjourned at: 6:48pm

Next Meeting: TBD. Next regular quarterly meeting scheduled for Dec 19, but this is right in the middle of busy holiday season. Will look at November instead.