

**COMMUNITY SERVICES & ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

City Hall
1 The Plaza
Sonoma, CA

May 8, 2013
Minutes

Commissioners Present: Comms. Blum, Clary, Kelley, Lanusse, Thomas, Frizzell, Petlock, Blattner

Commissioners Absent: Comms. Latorre, Wilbanks

Also Present: Community Services Administrator Goodison, Administrative Assistant Morris

Chair Petlock called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Comments from the public: Steve Quitana expressed concerns about the policies governing the Farmer's Market review for accepting vendors. He requested that the CSEC obtain all the evaluation "score sheets" to review for full disclosure purposes. Community Services Administrator Goodison explained that since the Farmer's Market operates as a private non-profit and not a government agency the information may not be readily available. Chair Petlock confirmed that Mr. Quitana has followed the appeal process with the Farmer's Market and suggested that he meet with the CSEC's sub-committee for an hour to discuss further concerns and will report back to the Board. The website has not been consistent posting the dates and locations of the Board meetings. Comm. Frizzell agrees but thinks the issue has been resolved and wants the process to be fair and fully transparent.

1. Event Reviews

1.1 July 4th Celebration

Community Services Administrator Goodison presented the report. There are no changes proposed except that the North West quadrant of the Plaza is closed. The City Council approved the Street Use permit on May 6. Toni Castrone, Sonoma Community Center (SCC), discussed that the volunteer and recycling program will be followed from prior years (eco-friendly products will be used).

Comm. Clary confirms that the number of recycling bins is sufficient (based on last year).

Comm. Frizzell is concerned about the condition of the surrounding areas of the Plaza after the Park has been cleaned-evening hours.

Staff will conduct another street cleanup after the event.

Comm. Kelly made a motion to approve the Plaza Park Use application for the 2013 Fourth of July Parade & Plaza Celebration subject to the conditions of approval. Comm. Lanusse seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

1.2 City Party

Community Services Administrator Goodison presented the report. The City Council approved the Street Use permit on May 6th. Toni Castrone, SCC, and Mr. Goodison discussed outreach efforts for letting people know the allowable items to bring to the City Party. There will be an editorial in the local paper and advertisement in the SCC newsletter. The City's Public Work's staff will put signs on the reverse side of the barricades about the personal items.

Mr. Goodison will speak with Chief Sackett about his expectations for monitoring the event.

Staff will forward Todd Knealand's contact information to Toni for consideration of a recycling plan.

Comm. Blattner made a motion to approve the Plaza Park Use application for the City Party as submitted with conditions of approval and exception to use the NW Quadrant. Comm. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

1.3 Red & White Ball

Community Services Administrator Goodison presented the report. The event will be configured differently from last year with the stage and dining in front of City Hall. Staff recommends temporary fencing with a maximum of 4 feet in height, appropriately braced and aesthetically pleasing.

Comm. Blum confirmed with Staff that there will be adequate fire access in the plan. There will be staff to monitor the event from the Fire Department and CSEC event monitor.

Laura Zimmerman, Sonoma Valley Education Foundation, discussed the proposed cyclone fencing. A discussion ensued among the commissioners about other options.

Comm. Lannuse suggested placing decorative clothing around the fencing and displaying the Event's sponsors.

Comm. Blattner has no concerns with cyclone fencing.

Chair Petlock expressed his philosophical concern with fencing because of the public perception of limiting access to a public park. He does not want citizens to feel unwelcome in a public area and is uncomfortable with the concept. Comm. Clary shared the same concern.

Comm. Blum and Laura agree that another entrance would be beneficial (three access areas).

Staff recommends that signs be placed to delineate the different sections. Red and White tape will not be used,

Laura Zimmerman is of the opinion that guests prefer a "free flowing" environment. She will explore fencing options within the budget.

Comm. Blum made a motion to approve the Plaza Park Use application for the Red and White Ball with conditions of approval to include different fencing options at a maximum cost of \$1,200 (not more than 100%). Comm. Lannuse seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Reports: Subcommittees and Existing Ideas/Initiatives

Transportation: (Walking, Bicycling, Transit, and other vehicle use): Commissioners: Clary, Latorre, Thomas.

Bike to Work Day May 9. MacArthur Place is hosting a morning energizer station and after work party.

Natural Resources and Sustainability: (Grey Water Systems, Solar Programs, GHG Reduction, Resource Protection, Water Quality, Conservation, Recycling, Sustainability Day, and Open Space District). Commissioners: Clary, Kelley, Petlock, Thomas.

Chair Petlock and Comm. Clary toured a local recycling facility. Comm. Kelley spoke about the 350 Home & Garden challenge May 18-19 "because every action matters" - grow food; conserve water, save energy, carpool and bike to work. City staff is dedicated to a Greywater pilot program to make the permitting process more "user friendly." The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors will be voting on Fluoridation in our water.

Community Health, Recreation and Open Space: (Personal Health, Parks and Recreation). Commissioners: Clary, Lanusse, Latorre. No meeting report.

The Tree Committee Meeting: (Participates on Tree Committee as voting member and review tree removal requests; and Tree City USA Certification).

Comm. Blattner reports that two tree removal applications were approved at the last meeting and a continued discussion about revisions to the approved tree lists.

Farmers' Market and Special Event Concerns: (Participants attend VOMCFM Board meetings and review any Plaza event concerns).

Comm. Blum said that Whole Foods is a Platinum Sponsor (\$5,000) and Redwood Credit Union. Blum will speak with Emily about the website. Comm. Frizzell suggests that farmer's produce may not be the focus for patrons with all the other distractions. The event has evolved overtime and becomes more successful each year.

Steve Quitana will attend the next subcommittee meeting.

Chair Petlock says the Sonoma International Film Festival went very smoothly and anticipates no issues at the Post Event review.

3. Closing Comments/Action Items

Comm. Blum will monitor the Fourth of July event.

Comm. Kelley made a motion to adjourn. Comm. Blattner seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next regular meeting is Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cristina Morris, Administrative Assistant