



Labor Day Parade Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2021

Board Members present: Art Milton, Kathy Garrison, Grace Shirk, Edna Sowards, Patricia Vincent, Kaye Whitley, and Mary Chappell

Board Members absent: Vicki Hess, Bill Sowards

City Staff present: Linda Mohr

The first meeting to plan the 36th annual Rock Island Labor Day parade was held via Zoom and started at 12:04 p.m.

I. Introductions

M. Chappell welcomed advisory board members to the meeting.

2. Additions to the Agenda

A. Milton motioned to add a discussion of Covid-19 restrictions to the agenda. The motion was seconded by M. Chappell and passed with no objections. Topic was added to the agenda as item number 6.5.

3. Approval of November 2020 Minutes

A motion was made by A. Milton and seconded by G. Shirk to approve the November 2020 minutes as presented. The motion passed.

4. Treasurer's Report

L. Mohr confirmed that the budget for the 2021 parade is \$17,500.

5. Discussion of the 2019 Parade

As it has been some time since the last meeting, various details of the 2019 parade were reviewed. M. Chappell noted that the final entry count was 143 entries – 186 units. Also noted were the new shirts and new stickers that were passed out.

6. 2021 Parade Theme

A review was made of the previously determined theme, *Joy to the world! Here and Everywhere!* Following some discussion, the theme was modified to be: *Joy and Peace to the World!* A motion was made K. Whitley and seconded by A. Milton to change the theme. The motion passed.

6.5 Update on COVID-19 Restrictions

A. Milton noted that the parade would be a super spreader event. If we are allowed to have the event, what changed would need to be made for attendees, crowd control, etc. L. Mohr explained that, according to the Governor and based on the level of cases and number of vaccines given, the state is close to achieving the final 5th Phase level of the COVID response which would allow everything to open up, events to be held, etc. They City is moving forward with activities and events as if this will be last level will be achieved.

7. Review of Mailing Schedule

Members took a moment to review the proposed mailing schedule for 2021 and felt it was appropriate. Also discussed was sending out a press release to announce the parade and how to enter the event.

8. Determine Meeting Schedule

Members took another look at the 2021 meeting calendar that includes 9 meetings. Last meeting set for August 28th. Additional meetings may be added if needed.

9. Misc. Items of Concern

There was discussion about the St. Patrick's Day parade being moved to late August and what if any impact it would have on the LD parade.

Linda Mohr announced that she would be retiring after 30 years with the City, effective this July. Official last day is July 23rd.

10. Public Comments

No one from the public was present at the meeting.

10. Adjournment

With nothing further to discuss, a motion was made by K. Whitley and seconded by P. Vincent to adjourn. Motions passed with no objections. Meeting ended at 12:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Chappell