

**CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS**  
Community Engagement Commission  
City Hall  
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue

**AGENDA**  
June 20, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:38 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL:  
Cooley-Kistler\_\_X\_\_ LaDouceur\_\_X\_\_  
Ebbesen\_X\_\_ Locke\_\_X\_\_ Campbell\_\_X\_\_

COUNCIL LIAISON:  
Mayor Gustafson\_\_

STAFF PRESENT:  
Sorensen\_X\_\_

Motion by Locke to call the meeting to  
order; approved, 5-0

C. PRESENTATION:

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. February 28, 2022 Community Engagement Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
2. April 18, 2022 Community Engagement Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
3. May 2, 2022 Community Engagement Commission Joint Meeting Minutes

Motion by LaDouceur for approval of minutes;  
approved, 5-0

E. AGENDA:

1. Spring Ahead Recap

Commission Member Julie Ebbeson thought there was an excellent turnout for Spring Ahead and that the event went well.

Commission Member Karen Cooley- Kistler asks if Spring Ahead can be held earlier in the spring?

Commission Member Andrea LaDoucier says giving tickets to residents could limit residents from taking more than one ice cream bar, so we don't go over the budget again.

Commission Member Ebbeson states that City needs better communication to get information about the event sooner.

Commission Member Danny Locke says games/activities were a hit.

## 2. Ideas for Outreach

Commission Members Ebbeson and LaDoucier said targeting renters by door knocking and using the neighborhood liaisons would be effective.

Commission Member Ebbeson stated that the City should look into using translation for City events.

Commission Member Cooley-Kistler stated that Grove Park does not have enough picnic tables for community members to gather around.

Commission Members Ebbeson and LaDoucier stated that the City should start using the front yard of the city hall for events or the elementary school park.

Commission Member LaDoucier thinks that having an open house for residents to meet the city council and commissioners would be a great for creating a welcoming community and for residents to see their City Hall. Commission Member Ebbeson stated that mid-September to late October would be a good time to have this type of event.

Commission Member Cooley-Kistler said the City could use the organization's cookie cart for the open house.

Commission Member Laure Campbell said the City could create a google poll for residents to see what the City's concerns are facing.

Commission Member Locke stated that at the Ice Cream Social Event, there should be COVID vaccine boosters there again, such as last year.

Commission Member LaDoucier expressed that the City has very few street lights and sidewalks in most neighborhoods. LaDoucier recommends that the City looks into non-profits that give away reflectors or little lights for residents.

Commission Member Cooley-Kistler says that the City should look into non-profits that give dog shoes to owners for the winter months.

Commission Member Julie states that the Environmental Commission could put something together about not using salt but instead using other methods for ice that are less harmful to the environment.

### 3. Human Rights Day Planning

Commission Member Ebbeson says that Human Rights Day is December 10th, and there is no theme yet.

Commission Member Cooley-Kistler states that there is a speaker from the Human Rights Institute that could speak for Human Rights Day. In addition, Ukrainian or Afghani refugees could be the theme or maybe something about wartime.

Commission Member Ebbeson said a theme for Human Rights Day could be safety on guns.

Commission Member Ebbeson says that at the next meeting, we could ask Mayor Randy Gustafson for a public safety speaker to speak on Human Rights Day.

### 4. Ice Cream Social

Commission Member Cooley-Kistler said her husband would bring his camera to take pictures for the dog parade and the Ice Cream Social event.

Commission Member Cooley-Kistler stated that there could be the cutest dog award.

Commission Member Campbell said she would hand out ice cream to the residents.

Commission Member Locke says to bring the lawn games from Spring Ahead.

Commission Member LaDoucier said the City could provide temporary tattoos for children and adults.

Commission Member Cooley-Kistler said she and her husband would organize the dog parade with LaDoucier's daughter.

Commission Member Ebbeson stated that the City needs to set up a banner for Ice Cream Social in front of City Hall and should look into buying a new one.

Commission Member Ebbeson thought the dog parade should be at 6 p.m. with a professional photographer (Commission Member Cooley-Kistler's husband).

Commission Member Locke said that the shifts for handing out ice cream should be 30 min instead of an hour.

### 5. Communications Policy Draft

Commission Member Ebbeson said that the Communications Policy Draft looks good, just that the City needs to add the Next-Door account to the Policy.

6. JUSTdeeds

Commission Member Locke says to change the Human Rights Commission to the Community Engagement Commission in the Just Deeds Resolution.

Motion by LaDouceur for approval of agenda;  
approved, 5-0

F. INFORMATION/ ANNOUNCEMENT

G. ADJOURNMENT: 8:29 p.m.