

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

AGENDA
April 18, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:35 PM

B. ROLL CALL:

Cooley-Kistler__X__ LaDouceur__X__
Ebbesen_X__ Locke__X__ Campbell____

COUNCIL LIAISON:
Mayor Gustafson_X__

STAFF PRESENT:
Pavek_X__

C. PRESENTATION:

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. March 21, 2022- Joint Meeting

Chair Ebbesen requested minor edits.

Motion by Commission Member Cooley-Kistler;
Approved, 5-0.

E. AGENDA:

1. Reviewing 2021 Priorities

Chair Ebbesen review the existing CEC 2021 Priorities spreadsheet which listed strategies by quarter. The Commission agreed that staff should reach out to neighborhood liaison and see how active they are in the program/regenerate interest.

New residents used to receive door hangers but Commission Member LaDouceur explained that they would often blow away in the wind and residents did not answer their doors. Commission agreed staff should continue to send postcards instead.

Commission Member Cooley-Kistler talked about how her neighborhood had hired a musician last year and everyone brought their own chairs. This was a great opportunity for neighbors to meet and connect. She suggested the City do something similar for future goals.

Ebbesen added that having signs/banners outside City Hall to promote events could be effective and help advertise. Commission Member Locke added that sending out postcards advertising events. Could also be effective. Mayor Gustafson agreed and thought there was funding in the budget for this. He suggested advertising both events (Ice Cream Social & Spring Together) on the same banner/postcards.

The Commission Members had the following ideas after reviewing the 2021 priorities:

- Revisit Town Hall Meetings
- Breakfast with the City Council
- Donuts with Deputies
- Community Clean Up Days
- Community Planting/Gardening Days

2. Spring Together/Ice Cream Social Updates

The Commission asked staff to find out how much ice cream was purchased for last year's Ice Cream Social. The Commission also asked to start having joint meetings to continue planning these events.

The Dog Parade will take place at the Ice Cream Social. Cooley-Kistler will help staff coordinate. Pavek asked the Commission if they would like to incorporate a craft for kids at the Spring Together Event. Commission Member LaDouceur suggested Wild Flower Bombs as an easier alternative to painting clay pots. Staff will reach and try to identify seed donors to incorporate into crafts. If this cannot be done, LaDouceur suggested easy alternatives such as bubbles, chalk (use barricade to secure dead end street), hula hoops, etc.

The following activities should be incorporated into the Spring Event:

- Pick-up sports game. Confirm with Mike that he's still interested
- Sign-up table for summer programming
- Meet the New City Administrator!
- Opportunity to meet/connect with other City Officials

Staff will reach out to the Lions and let them know about upcoming events to see if they want to provide tents/volunteers. Staff will also reach out to Fire Marshal/St. Paul Fire Department to see if they can attend the Ice Cream Social. If they can, the City will plan on using the fire truck bounce house.

3. Human Rights Day Preliminary Planning

This year's event will fall on Saturday, December 10th. Cooley-Kistler will reach out to the International Institute for ideas. Ebbesen hoping to have solidified theme/speaker by September.

- F. INFORMATION/ ANNOUNCEMENT
- G. ADJOURNMENT: 7:55 PM