

SPECIAL EVENTS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 28, 2019

Present: Michael Dougherty, Peggy Schneider, Sherra Blakley, Wayne Eichelkraut, and Jani Eichelkraut.

Absent: Candy Moore, Jim Reilly and Alaina Rivers.

The March meeting was postponed a week because the regular meeting date conflicted with the mayor's final State of the City address.

Minutes: On a motion by Jani and second by Sherra, minutes from the November meeting were approved.

Financial Report: Wayne reported discussion among City Council members for allocations for annual events was ongoing. Some event line items remained with consistent allocations and some events would no longer receive allocations.

Old Business:

Music in the Park banner: The committee authorized the purchase of a new event banner that can be displayed along the fence at Washington Park. It replaces one of the pair that went missing last summer.

Action: On a motion by Jani and second by Sherra, the committee authorized Mike to replace the banner.

New Business:

Spring Movie: The Spring Break movie, offered the past few years by the city to Ottawa schoolchildren during Spring Break, came under discussion and the committee decided not to schedule one this spring, but to develop another children's entertainment later in the year. Budgets and other uncertainties surrounding a change in city administration were a factor in the decision.

Music in the Park lineup:

Peggy presented a summary of the MIP lineup, fees and dates for review.

Eight dates have been filled and the schedule included a weekend hiatus for anticipated Riverfest entertainment. However, with the musical entertainment and Taste of Ottawa cancelled this year, the committee agreed to pursue scheduling a ninth band for the weekend, August 3. Local events like dance demonstrations, art shows and book sales will continue.

Action: We will attempt to book another band for that weekend.

Peggy was directed to pursue bands we could contract with for the final date; Mike will check to be sure Washington Park is free for the event; Jani will check to see if Bingo is scheduled that night that could conflict with events in the Park.

Adjournment: 6:30 p.m. **The next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Schneider