

**SPECIAL EVENTS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 20, 2020**

Present: Michael Dougherty, Peggy Schneider, Candy Moore, Wayne Eichelkraut, Jim Reilly and Heidi Eisert.
Absent: Sherra Blakely and Jani Eichelkraut.

Minutes: On a motion by Wayne and second by Candy, minutes from the July meeting and special meeting were approved.

Financial Report: Band contracts for Music in the Park total \$5,767. A total of \$27,232 remains, with money allocated to other activities. Some of those might not happen in a pandemic year.

Action: on a motion by Candy and second by Peggy, the financial report was approved.

Old Business:

Music in the Park 2020: Members were enthusiastic about Music in the Park and its reception by audiences. Attendance has been better even than previous years. Safe social distancing is maintained. With the latest directives from the state, Mike proposed posting signs reminding of masking and distancing rules. Jim reiterated objections to using other than local bands. The committee authorized Peggy to develop another Music in the Park lineup.

Combined SEC/Tangled Roots sign: At Tangled Roots' request, their Friday night concerts were added to a sign promoting concerts in the park, but during the pandemic, the brewery/restaurant has pulled its Friday concert from the park to a tent set up on Jackson. Jim complained that the sign was inaccurate and that a friend had come downtown to attend a Friday concert and there was no event in the park. He objected that SEC should be promoting a business.

Action: Jim moved, and Candy seconded, that he (Jim) would duct-tape over the Friday night segment on the signs.

New Business:

Festival of Lights Parade: The event is still up in the air as virus cases rise. The decision will be made by the council. Mike urged them to not cancel months early but to wait a few weeks before the event. The city was urged to consider safe alternatives to the traditional parade, perhaps a drive-by viewing of lighted floats. Wayne said he hoped the park would still be decorated but a gathering remains in question.

City Rec funding: Forced to cancel a harvest dance because of the pandemic, City Rec has money it wanted to share with SEC for a senior event. It was not clear how much money would be available. There was discussion about hosting a Big Band concert, but a motion by Jim died from lack of a second.

Adjournment: 6:35 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Schneider