



Virtual Meeting
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Carolyn Bukiewicz – Chair
Wendy Gassenhuber – Secretary

CELEBRATIONS COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2020

6:30 P.M.

The City's Vision

Oak Creek: A dynamic regional leader, connected to our community, driving the future of the south shore.

1. **Roll Call:** Present: Chairperson C. Bukiewicz, C. Bautch, W. Gassenhuber, C Kolhouse, J. Latus P. Hansen, K. Kolhouse, L. Marshall, J. Flatow.
Guests: OC Police Chief Anderson, OC Police Capt. Bolender, OC Police Lt Sagan, OC Police Sgt Ahearn, OC Fire Chief Kressuk, OC Streets Department Director Johnson.

2. **July 4th Recommendations**

Chairperson C. Bukiewicz started meeting by wanting each member to state their opinion on the possibility of having the July 4th celebration events due to the COVID 19 pandemic. The first question is, "Should the committee make a recommendation to have the July 4th events?" The second question is, "Would the Committee members be able to volunteer for all or parts of the events that day?"

Jennifer Latus voted yes for having festivities; and yes she would volunteer.

Cindy Bautch voted no for having festivities; and yes she would volunteer.

Kyle Kolhouse voted yes for having festivities; and yes he would volunteer.

Courtney Kolhouse voted no for having festivities; and yes she would volunteer.

Lisa Marshall voted yes for the parade and no for fireworks; and yes she would volunteer.

Patti Hansen voted no for festivities; and no she would not volunteer.

Wendy Gassenhuber voted no for festivities; and no she would not volunteer.

James Flatow voted no for festivities; and no he would not volunteer.

Carolyn Bukiewicz voted no for festivities; and no she would not volunteer.

Groups concerns were lack of control for social distancing. Health and safety for members of the community.

The Committee recommendation is **not** to have July 4 events for this year due to COVID 19 pandemic. 6 no votes to 3 yes votes.

3. **Guests comments and concerns**

- a. Police Chief Anderson stated concerns of crowd control and lack of social distancing from participants would be major problems this year. Police Capt Bolender and Police Lt Sagan agreed with Chief Anderson.

- b. Fire Chief Kressuk stated the health and safety of the community was his concern. Large crowd gatherings have lots of health concerns currently.

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- c. Streets department director Johnson stated he would help in any way possible if the events were to take place.

Next Meeting: June 11, 2020

Adjournment: Motion by Patti Hansen to adjourn meeting at 7:11 pm and seconded by Cindy Bautch. Motion carried.