



Virtual Meeting  
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Carolyn Bukiewicz – Chair  
Wendy Gassenhuber – Secretary

## CELEBRATIONS COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2021

5:00 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, C. Kolhouse, L. Marshall, K. Kolhouse P. Hansen, W. Gassenhuber Absent: J. Flatow
2. **Treasures Report**
  - a. No report
3. **Approval of October Minutes**
  - a. Lisa Marshall motioned, seconded by Courtney Kolhouse, motion carried by all present.
4. **Approval of November Minutes**
  - a. Cindy Bautch motioned, seconded by Lisa Marshall, motion carried by all present.
5. **Light the Square Update**
  - a. The night was successful. Citizens enjoyed hot chocolate at Cubanita's. Thank you to Cubanita's for their hospitality.
  - b. Letters from Santa sponsored by B93.3 and Larry Kangas was well received by surrounding municipalities. Over 300 letters were sent to children around the area.
  - c. Committee discussed purchasing some of our own displays for the event. Committee will follow up in future discussions and planning.
  - d. Committee sending out a Big Thank You card along with some GiGi cupcakes to our sponsor; Martin Law. Their efforts are a major reason this event was a success, and we heard many positive comments on how the Square looked and was visited this holiday season.
6. **Spreading Holiday Cheer Update.**
  - a. Meijer reached out to Chairperson Carolyn Bukiewicz with a donation for this year's event.
  - b. Committee went shopping for stocking, non-perishable food items, toiletries, and other small decorations for 82 residents at Booth Manor. Event was a success and brightened many seniors day during the holiday season.
  - c. Group talked about possibility having the scouts make door decorations for each resident next season.
7. **Easter Egg Hunt**
  - a. The date is set for March 20, 2021.
  - b. Event is pending Covid conditions and CDC guidelines.
  - c. Committee discussed having a drive through at Lake Vista, we would hand out pre-made gift bags. Committee agrees to move this event forward. Lisa Marshall is chair and will lead the

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event.

- d. Carolyn will follow up with the health department and check availability for venue. She will report back at the next meeting.

8. **2021 Celebrations Events Overview**

- a. Easter is our next event. Currently planning.
- b. Summer Soulstice, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Halloween, and Light the Square are all 2021 events that are on going and will be discussed and planned at upcoming meetings.

9. **New Tourism Contact.**

- a. Laura Nelson is the new department head for Tourism for the City of Oak Creek. She comes to Oak Creek with years of experience in event planning and tourism background.
- b. The Celebrations Committee looks forward in working with her. Welcome Laura!

**Next Meeting:** February 11, 2021

**Adjournment:** Motion by Lisa Marshall to adjourn meeting at 5:22 p.m. and seconded Cindy Bautch, motion carried