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## CELEBRATIONS COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, January 13th, 2022

6:00 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 K. Kolhouse, C. Bautch, C. Francisco, J. Kroening, C. Kolhouse, R. Atwood. Absent: R. Maggard, K. Maggard, T. Rufer
2. **Review and Take Action on Treasurer's report.**
  - a. Treasurer report read and approved by all.
3. **Approval of November 4th, 2021 minutes.**
  - a. J. Kroening approved the minutes pending grammatical corrections. C. Bautch seconded.
4. **Light the Square recap.**
  - a. Estimated attendance at the event was 1,000 people.
  - b. The Salvation Army served 800 cups of cocoa to guests free of charge.
  - c. Visionary Light shows made a proposal for appx: \$32,000 for next year's Light the Square event. Their proposal includes light shows twice a week in the square. The square would stay lit up when the shows are not in session.
  - d. A new Santa may be in consideration for next year, although people enjoyed having a Santa at the event.
  - e. J. Kroening recommended Santa stay indoors next year because of the length of the line waiting for Santa
  - f. The children's games and face painting were enjoyed by many.
5. **Spreading Holiday Cheer recap.**
  - a. A couple people used the online registry to donate items.
  - b. We had more items donated that were needed to fill the stockings. A suggestion to add additional nursing homes to our donation list was mentioned due to the amount of participation the community showed.
  - c. The seniors were very appreciative when the stockings were handed out.
6. **Easter discussion.**
  - a. The Easter event will take place on April 9th from 10 am-12 pm.
  - b. In the past, the Commission used The Emerald Preserve for the Easter egg hunt.
  - c. A new location, Abendschein Park, is under consideration for the event.
7. **New meeting date discussion.**
  - a. Committee is in agreement to wait for more committee members to be present before deciding on a new meeting date.

**Next Meeting:** February 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

8. **Adjournment:** Motion by J. Kroening to adjourn meeting at 7:08 p.m. and seconded by C. Bautch, motion carried.