

Recreation and Parks Commission
November 12, 2013

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:15 P.M. at Northside Park. Present were Joe Mitrecic, Lloyd Martin, Dennis Dare, David Recor, Frank Miller, Lisa Mitchell, Susan Petito, and Tom Shuster. Guests included Nancy Howard, JoAnne Shriner and Clara Vaughn.
2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of October 15, 2013 were approved as presented.
3. Nancy Howard Presentation: Nancy Howard provided an update on the Drive In Disguise Halloween Boardwalk parade conducted on November 19. The cars were decorated for Halloween. Nancy complimented the Town for their support. The Commission discussed how the event could be better promoted in 2014 and integrated into the other events that occur in Ocean City around Halloween. Nancy requested support of \$400 from TAB for 2014. The Commission referred Nancy's request to the full Council with a favorable recommendation.
4. 2015 Town Sponsored Special Events Schedule: Tom Shuster reported that the staff has completed research among the business community regarding the dates for Springfest 2015 coinciding with Mother's Day. The HMRA and Chamber of Commerce have provided written feedback to Frank Miller that they would support Springfest to coincide with Mother's Day weekend provided a concerted effort is made to promote Springfest weekend that year with a focus on Mother's Day. Frank also received feedback from Springfest vendors in support of the proposed dates for 2015.

The Commission agreed to forward the 2015 Special Events schedule to the Council with a favorable recommendation.

5. Horseback Riding on the Beach Concession: David Recor presented a draft RFP for Horseback Riding on the Beach that was developed by the Clerk with input from Frank Miller. The Committee discussed the concept as well as the scope of the RFP. The Commission recommended the RFP be forwarded to the City Solicitor and then sent to the Council without a recommendation from the Commission.
6. New Private Events Update: Lisa Mitchell reported that the promoter of the Beach Frisbee event wants to move his event to the same weekend as the White Marlin Open. The Commission forwarded the request for Council action.

The promoter of the OC Half Marathon wants to reverse the racecourse for 2014 and finish the race at the Inlet Parking Lot rather than starting there. A follow up meeting is scheduled for later this week with Chris Klebe, the event promoter. The event request will be forwarded to the Council for action.

New volleyball events on the beach are pending including one for Memorial weekend 2014.

7. OC Air Show Dates: Frank Miller reported that the promoter of the OC Air Show wants to schedule the 2014 event for June 14 & 15. The promoter and the Harrison Group were looking for feedback from the Town on the proposed dates. The staff had no objection of the dates proposed.
8. Kayak Rental Concession RFP Update: Tom will review the 4 RFPs received at today's Council Work Session. A recommendation of award will be scheduled for the December 2 Council meeting.
9. Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, December 10 at 4:00 p.m. at Northside Park
10. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10PM