

CITY OF BAY VILLAGE

CAHOON MEMORIAL PARK TRUSTEES

October 5, 2015

President of Council Koomar called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. in the Conference Room of Bay Village City Hall.

Present: Clark, Henderson, Koomar, Lee, Lieske, Tadych, Vincent, Mayor Sutherland

Also Present: Finance Director Mahoney

AUDIENCE

The following members of the audience signed in this evening: Conda Boyd, Jerrie Barnett, Melissa Henderson, Lydia DeGeorge, Pam Cottam, Marty Mace.

Request for approval of 2016 Bay Days:

Set up – Tuesday, June 28, Wednesday, June 29

Event - Thursday, June 30, Friday, July 1, Saturday, July 2, Monday, July 4

Fireworks: Monday, July 4 Rain Date for Fireworks: Tuesday, July 5

Mr. Koomar stated that the dates have been forwarded to the Cahoon Memorial Park Trustees for the 2016 Bay Days. Mr. Koomar opened the topic for conversation.

Mayor Sutherland stated that it is difficult for the City to get together personnel for a rain date for the Bay Days.

Mr. Henderson asked what happens to the expenditure for the fireworks if it rains and we don't have a rain date. The Mayor stated that either way, we have to pay. We pay half if there is no rain date and we have to cancel. However, the probability in history is on our side. Once in the history there has been rain. Mr. Vincent asked what time the cancellation is called. Mayor Sutherland stated that she and the two Chiefs make the decision. Mr. Vincent asked if there are staff people on hand for that. Are they overtime people? The Mayor said they are overtime and they have all of their auxiliaries volunteering, from 6 p.m. until all the traffic is cleared. Two years ago we had storms coming in all around. We went a little early to get it in. Mr. Vincent asked the ratio of auxiliary to police. Mayor Sutherland stated there is a total of about 30 auxiliaries, and we put as many bodies there as available. Mr. Vincent asked how many police work the event. Mayor Sutherland stated that they have a regular staffing with probably another five on overtime. Mrs. Lieske asked if some positions are not permitted to take vacation on July 4, given the staffing issue. The Mayor responded affirmatively. It is planned around because the whole period of time is heavy usage and you can only work people a certain amount of time consecutive days. Mr. Koomar stated that the auxiliaries could work the Fourth and the Fifth of July, if requested. Mayor Sutherland stated they could but it would require more effort to coordinate schedules.

Mr. Henderson stated that some of the money for fireworks is put together by fund raising and that is a point of concern as far as if we don't have a rain date and those funds collected by the people would be for fireworks. We understand that it is rain dependent, of course, but it would be unfortunate. Mayor Sutherland stated that you could run into the same thing if you had a stretch of

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a couple of days when it was raining and you had to cancel because you didn't have the rain date on the third day. You could still run into that situation.

Mr. Lee stated that if you have a rain date you diminish the chances of not having it at all when you have a back-up date. Mr. Henderson stated that he would like to see a rain date. Mr. Koomar asked the Mayor if it would probably add another five regular officers on duty. Mayor Sutherland responded affirmatively, stating that besides the fireworks they are also very busy in the carnival area. Usually if there are fights or arrests it is around that time.

Mr. Koomar suggested taking the matter under advisement for a week or two. Mr. Clark stated that he understands both sides in terms of personnel complement. One of the nice things we've done over the last couple of years is have the citizens do the fundraising for the fireworks. It is the one event a year the citizens get to enjoy. I would like to know the overtime costs and the total cost of staffing. Mr. Lee asked Mrs. Mahoney to break the cost down of staffing for just the fireworks.

AUDIENCE

Jerrie Barnett asked why electricity was lost in the west end of Bay Village for three hours on Saturday morning. There wasn't any wind blowing or anything.

Mayor Sutherland stated that there was wind blowing. There was actually a ground fault at the Bradley substation, and they fixed it. Four trees came down over the weekend.

Mrs. Lieske asked if that was the reason for the power outage on Friday.

Mr. Richard Fink stated that on Saturdays now at the post office it is just jammed with the restaurant being opened. With Bay Diner going in over there it could create further parking problems. Mr. Fink was informed that Bay Diner will not be moving to that location.

Conda Boyd asked if the fireworks were postponed and not held in a given year, the money that is raised by the community goes into the general City hawkers. Mrs. Mahoney stated that it would not be spent on anything but the fireworks. Mr. Koomar stated that the sale of t-shirts, a portion of the ride wristband sales, and funds raised by the Fireworks Committee accounts for almost 80% of the cost. If it were cancelled, and we would lose half of it, some of that would be lost.

Mr. Lee asked if the contracts with the fireworks company is if you don't have the event because of the weather you are responsible for half of the cost. Mayor Sutherland responded affirmatively, noting that it is because they have already purchased all of the fireworks. The other half would go for fireworks next year.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Paul Koomar, President of Council

Joan Kemper, Clerk of Council