

**4th of July Steering Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2016**

Committee in attendance:

Tommy McDonald

Michelle Scarpa

Renae Rives

Judy Dealejandro

Chris Scarpa

Tony Scarpa

Barbara Blanchard

Kathy Molinaro

Richard Roller, Volunteer

James Toney, Director of Parks and Recreation

Katy Blanchard, Staff

Heather Whitty, Staff

Lucy Woltz, Chamber Representative

Scott Gordon, Visitor

Billy Enochs, Council Member

1. **Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. **Communication from the public:** Scott Gordon from Lighthouse Cooking Team attended the meeting to ask committee questions on parade lineup as far as the Grand Marshal is concerned. He confirmed he would be serving food for the evening portion of the event for staff, committee and band; up to 40 people. He confirmed that everyone is welcome to come back to the back parking lot to sit and eat. He said that he would let us use his generator for the day program and the other 40K generator for the evening program food court. He is requesting an ariel view of the Centennial so he can let his team know where to set up so they stay out of the fireworks fall out zone. Scott mentioned that the Budweiser Clydesdales are not going to be able to make the parade this year. He confirmed that he will be providing a Vehicle for Dick Daugird. There was discussion about having all the Lighthouse Cooking equipment vehicle team behind the Grand Marshal. The board stated there concerns about having a separate "Lighthouse Parade". Scott is asking to have 10 trucks and 12 trailers in the parade- vehicles will be decorated. The board decided they would be okay with the having the trucks split up throughout the parade by category. The 3 military vehicles will be following the Dick, the grand marshal. The board is waiting to vote on this when Stacy is informed of the matter.

3. **Discussion and possible action regarding March 20, 2016:** Tony Scarpa made the motion to approve as presented, Kathy second the motion and motion passed unanimously.

4. **Discussion and possible action regarding the 2016, 4th of July Celebration**

A. Breakfast: Tommy confirmed that Dunn bros is sponsoring the coffee for the breakfast.

B. Parade: As per Stacy via email "Grand Marshal goes first in the parade. End of story... It would not be appropriate for the light house vehicles to go before the grand marshal" Tommy requested to have some cement or asphalt ramps put in at the Fire Station 1 so that the trucks can pull in. Board decided to get rid of the Furthest Traveled award.

C. Day Program: Board is looking for 2 singers for the day program. Toney confirmed the DJ for the day program. Michelle mentioned that John Dawson will be our MC this year again. Tommy wanted to remind Kim to email Galveston County regarding food vendors by June 20th. Talk about getting the ACU trailer delivered early to prevent having to rope off from parade crowd.

D. Evening: Tommy asked about Janitorial for the evening. Toney and Gary said that parks guys clean up and would not be necessary for janitorial to be there. Gary said interstate barricades confirmed along with 3 reader boards. James is working on fly over and Tony offered a possible helicopter fly over. Gary said the prices for the 5 (5x8) military flags at \$425 and the board is looking for a sponsor for that. Tommy and Barbara proposed to have "Vocal Trash" as the evening program for the 2017.

Board wants to schedule board meetings on June 8th and 22nd with the 29th as a back-up date if needed at 6PM.

5. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Approved by:

Kimberly Ramirez

Date:

June 8, 2016