

## Community Relations Committee Meeting

May 18, 2020

5:00 p.m. – Zoom Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m. via Zoom call.

Members Present: Wicca Davidson (Chair), Julie Stanish, Maryanne Courtney, Michele Marston, , Barbara Rose, Cathy Wolf, Aki Peritz, Quynh Tran

### General Business

- The minutes of the March 2020 meeting were unable to be approved by the Committee due to missing members attending both meetings.

### Old Business

#### Events and Community Service:

- Mad Science Children's event – Wicca reported Wicca, Cathy and Emily attended as committee members. Wicca and Cathy reported that while the event was well attended, they did not find it particularly entertaining and based on lack of engagement and expense, the Magician of previous years was more popular.
- Soups On! Contest - Wicca reported that while this event was cancelled the Irish Inn has requested to participate when the event is rescheduled.
- Art Show scheduled for weekend of Jun 5-7<sup>th</sup> – Wicca reported this has also been cancelled.

#### Communications:

- Welcome Bags – Wicca reported we would usually be preparing and distributing Welcome Bags at this time of year, but due to current Covid-19 conditions, this is on hold.

### New Business

#### Events and Community Service:

- July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration – Wicca reported that due to the Covid-19 orders from the Governor, the Lawton Center remains closed with a tentative re-opening date of June 30, leaving us little time to plan. Additionally, with a limit of 10 people for gatherings, the committee brainstormed alternatives including a Zoom production of the Declaration of Independence, Children's Bike Parade, Car Parade, Ice Cream Trucks/Food Trucks through Town, US Flag distribution and possibly moving the celebration to Labor Day. Wicca recommending contacting Jeffrey Berger to organize with citizens who have participated in previous years.
  - The Ice Cream truck in addition to Ben & Jerry's trucks was further discussed. Wicca will contact Ben & Jerry's and Aki will discuss with the neighborhood Ice Cream Truck
  - Wicca will contact Jeffrey Berger regarding coordinating with readings for The Zoom event for the Declaration of Independence.
  - Quynh will draft an announcement for people to read parts of the Declaration as well as Greetings for the 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - Once the videos are collected, they will be sent to Wicca to compile into a video which can be accessed through Zoom.
- Neighborhood Scavenger Hunts – The committee discussed the success of neighborhood scavenger hunts of bears, etc. and including Flags or Stars or other USA memorabilia to put in yards or windows for families to find around the July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday.

- Covid-19 /Victory Gardens – Quynh suggested the Town Garden Tour. Wicca explained that the Garden Tour and the Art Show were organized in alternating years. As the Art Show was cancelled, the committee discussed collecting photos/stories/videos of Town Covid-19 Gardens as an event to “host” this summer. Quynh will include this solicitation in her email with the other two video requests.
- Pandemic Time Capsule – Cathy introduced this idea for our committee, but it is being organized by the Chevy Chase Historical Committee.
- Town Musician Performances – Hosting “pop-up” performances by town Musicians. In order to avoid groups greater than 10 gathering, the performances would not be announced. Julie Stanish and Barney Rush recently provided an impromptu front porch performance, which could be done in rotating spaces in the town. David Diegle and Jim Mich are two additional town musicians who could be contacted to organize/perform.

Communications:

- Hosting live Zoom meetings of Committee Events – Wicca reported that Barney suggested live Zoom meetings for our live events to allow those at home to participate when they are not able to do so in person.

Other Business

- Wicca reported while she remains the Committee Chair for an additional year, she will no longer serve on the Town Council. Barney Rush has volunteered to serve as the Liaison for our committee to the Town Council.
- Wicca explained that Emily Helms Williams will remain the Secretary for our committee minutes for one additional year only.
- Aki agreed to organize the July 4<sup>th</sup> event for 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michele Marston