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Community Development Advisory Board Meeting

Minutes

November 13, 2023 5:00 PM

Meeting came to order at 5:00 Alex Babbitt made motion to open the meeting. Becky Butts seconded the motion.

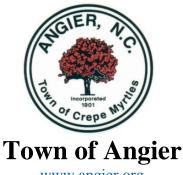
Attendees: Becky Butts, Jillian Knowles, Alex Babbitt, Crissy Porter

Alex made the motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting, Becky seconded motion. Minutes from October 23 meeting were approved.

Old Business:

Trunk or Treat '23 was revisited looking for suggestions and ways to improve next years event.

- Consensus was that the event went well overall. Attendance was estimated to be between 5-6000 based on the depth of the line and the headcount of 1600 that was taken within the first hour.
- Suggestion was made to provide water stations and porta-johns at points along the line route for the entrance.
- Suggestion was made for 2 food trucks. 2 food tucks were originally booked but Tacos Las Gringas left after arriving to the event because a bar-b-que truck was also on site (Red Neck BBQ Labs)
- Suggested that costume contest not adhere to age categories but run every 30 minutes to serve the community after it completes the trunk or treat.
- Selection of books slowed the movement of the line down. Consider different placement for next years event.
- Promote event earlier and solicit trunk sponsors in July/August.
- Provide more prizes for trunk participants.
- Door prizes sign up did not go as well as was anticipated. Only 236 registered out of estimated 5000 attendees.
- Use volunteer/traffic clicker to get a better attendance number next year.



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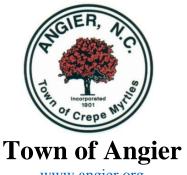
- Discussed changing the event to Halloween and joining with downtown but there was reluctance to make the change due to parents wanting to be with their children on actual Halloween.
- Board recommends that the downtown parking map be released with partnership with

New Business:

Yoga in the park for spring/Summer/fall in depot park. Dates have not been set as teachers will have to be contracted with and fee schedule set up.

Set special events calendar for 2024

- February 24? Snow Ball inclusivity dance for children with special needs and their families and caregivers.
- Grant applied for through Harnett Co Arts Council for Common Ground Concert Series/Art Markets at Depot Square dates proposed:
 - Thursday April 11
 - Thursday May 2
 - Thursday May 23
 - Thursday June 13
- Angier Earth Day Saturday April 20
 - Educational and fun projects for the kids –
 - Music and food trucks and beer garden for adults
 - Crepe Myrtle Seedling giveaway or fundraiser?
 - Invite Harnett County Master Gardeners
 - Find artists using recycled repurposed materials.
- Angier Bike Fest is scheduled June 1&2 through Angier Chamber
- In response to discussion regarding a fourth of July celebration, decision was reached by consensus was reached to not pursue at this time due to the space requirements of a fireworks show and the lack of a venue to accommodate fireworks and a large crowd gathering.
- National Night Out Jack Marley Park August 6



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- October 5 Gospel in the Park partner w Meet your Neighbor?
- Trunk or Treat Oct 26th
- Pumpkin lighting on square Oct 31 & Nov 1
- Dia de los Muertos Nov 2nd

Crissy informed the board that she had met with the economic development office and the parks and rec office with the Town of Clayton to gain knowledge and tips employ to become a better board and community.

Discussion was had regarding tactics other surrounding towns have used to support the efforts of Their community and economic development boards.

The Community Development Advisory Board recommends we begin the process of developing a Downtown Association as a non-profit 501 C-3 in order to be able to seek sponsorships for events and raise funds to support the initiative of the Community Development Advisory Board.

Alex Babbitt agreed to talk to his attorney about the logistics of setting this board up. Crissy is doing independent research and speaking with Town Manager and Town Attorney regarding this process.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15