

**Special Projects Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 1:30 P.M.
3806 Hwy. 246 (New City Hall)
Sky Valley, GA**

MINUTES

THOSE PRESENT: Chairman Bruce Turner, Tony Allred, Grace Guess, Jim Rhodes, Ken Walton, Ken Sigler, Mayor Hollie Steil, City Manager Streetman, City Clerk Fleming, Communication Specialist Van Camp, Intern Yullia Poplavska

THOSE ABSENT: Lou MacNaughton

CALL TO ORDER

Bruce Turner called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Hollie Steil stated that this will be the 20th anniversary of Sky Valley Celebrations and it would be nice to advertise as such.

Approval of Minutes

October 7, 2022

Ken Walton made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Jim Rhodes, unanimously approved.

Discussion Item:

Independence Day Event (July 3, 2023)

Tentative Schedule for the 3rd:

8:00 – 10:00 Pancake Breakfast
9:30 – 10:45 Registration for the Duck Race
10:45 Line up for Parade (along Tahoe Road)
11:00 Duck Race
11:30 Parade
5:30 Sid Weber Bar-B-Que
9:30ish Fireworks

Activities:

Jim Rhodes will check on the availability of the Blue Ridge Activity Bus and the Petting Zoo.

Fire Chief Sigler will have the fire truck on display for any kid interaction.

Food Trucks:

Sherron Van Camp stated that there is a total of four trucks committed. Three food trucks and one snow cone truck.

Signage/Advertising:

Jim Rhodes stated that he would distribute flyers at local stores to showcase in their windows. Advertising through all social media outlets, also email blasts, and local newspaper ads.

Suggestion for banners to be placed at junction of 246 and 441, City Hall, at Mtn. Junction General Store/Bald Mtn., and at the main entrance.

Tentative Assignments:

Hollie Steil and Bruce Turner will coordinate the parade line up along with assigning each entry with a number so the MC, Tony Allred, can read off the entries as they walk past him. Ken Walton will check on using two of the Country Club utility carts. The Welcome Center will be selling Independence Day t-shirts. Hollie Steil will ask about getting some drone footage of the festivities. Ken Walton will check to see if the Sid Weber Organization would be interested in selling water during the events. Tony Allred will check on a speaker from Forward Rabun.

Parade:

Discussion on who could be the Grand Marshall for the parade. Grace Guess has scheduled the Color Guard for the parade. The entries will be notified that nothing can be thrown, such as candy, beads, etc., for the safety of the onlookers. Ken Walton stated that he would check on a band for the parade

Duck Race:

Need to find volunteers to help with this event. Fire Chief Sigler stated that fire hoses can be used to corral the ducks at the beginning of the race and capture them at the end. Five hundred ducks were suggested to have available for the race. Three prizes will be given out to the finalists.

Fireworks:

Jason Streetman has reached out to Munnerylyn Pyrotechnics and is waiting to hear back from them to firm things up. Jim Rhodes stated that the Club will have a band playing while waiting for the show to begin.

Additional Suggestions:

Having additional Wi-Fi available. A way is needed to get a head count of the participants at each event. Having small American flags to pass out to the participants, which may be a way to get a count also.

Fallfest:

The members approved having a band scheduled for Fallfest. Jim Rhodes will book the band at a cost of \$300 for four hours.

The next meeting date was scheduled for June 13th, at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Ken Walton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Grace Guess, unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Fleming". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "F" and a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Karen Fleming, City Clerk