

# City of Claremont

## 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee

Approved 5.13.13

Date: 4/2/13

Minutes of: 4/1/13

Prepared by: Mary Walter

Meeting convened at 4:35 pm.

### I. Roll Call

In Attendance: Nick Koloski, Bill Binder, Melissa Richmond, David Lucier, Hillary Halleck, Cindy Landry (arrived @5:00 pm)

City Staff present: Mary Walter, Scott Hausler

Absent: Chris Irish, Phyllis Muzeroll, Denise Liveston

Went around table introducing ourselves to our newest member, Hillary Halleck who represents Red River Corporation on the committee. Also showed Hillary the timeline that the committee put together to help her get up to speed

### II. Review of Minutes

a. Motion by Nick Koloski, seconded by Bill Binder to accept the minutes of March 25, 2013. Motion passed.

### III. Old Business

- a. We've been meeting weekly and David brought up the fact that we've been making significant progress and felt that we could go to a meeting every two weeks if the committee agreed. Motion by Bill Binder, seconded by Nick Koloski to go to meetings every two weeks so that our **next meeting would be 4/15/13**. Motion passed.
- b. Bill updated the committee on use of campfire permits --it's now considered a Class I permit so it's a little more relaxed. This would be for the re-enactors. He talked to the Fire Chief and to Parts & Recreation Director. Also discussed potential locations. Moody (at the top) would be hard for visitors to access (limited parking up there). Monadnock Park (off to the left of the track field) is another possibility as is the Visitor Center park where there is visibility and plenty of parking.
- c. Compressor – Bill heard back from Bruce Temple that DPW would help in whatever way they could (committee questioned that, since this is a Saturday, would Bruce end up having to pay overtime/3 hour call in. It was decided that Bill would follow-up with the Chief Bergeron to see if someone can tow it down.
- d. Nick Koloski has a countdown clock and he is investigating what it would take to get the updated graphics done so we can use it.
- e. Dave Lucier reported that Don Chabot is willing to be the auctioneer but we just have to coordinate the date before he goes to Florida.
- f. Mary sent around the coin information to the committee so that, if the committee wanted to, we could get our logo onto the coin and have some made up to sell.
- g. There was a question as to whether the Odd Fellows Hall would be a viable location due to their corrective action plan that they are under.

- h. Deb at Doolittle's is interested in the picture project (getting prints made to sell). Dave asked the committee to think about retail prints in bulk (unnumbered) as well as some rarer ones that would be numbered and would sell for more money.
- i. Melissa reported that the donation letter had been finalized and was ready to go and that the logo contest was out and being advertised.

#### **IV. New Business**

- a. Nick talked to Chris Irish and felt there was a good chance that Chris might not make it to any of the meetings due to the timing of meetings and his schedule. The committee talked about reducing the committee to 9 and making one councilor position an alternate to the other councilor position. Mary will follow-up with City Solicitor Jane Taylor to get the process on the April agenda.
- b. Melissa asked that if, when we got ready to judge, if there was someone from the 250<sup>th</sup> committee that wanted to sit through the initial review process or if the committee wanted the group to just bring them the top (pick a number) 5 - 10 – 25 entries for final selection? She said that it would be a blind judging and vetting process.
- c. Hillary was asked if there was a special interest for Red River? Committee thought that perhaps something to fit in with the Celebrate our Past (manufacturing) and our Future (technology) might be right up their alley. She also thought that perhaps tours of the mills would be great. Red River provides employees with Volunteer Hours and Dave thought this could be good for monitoring/policing events etc.
- d. Bernie asked the group if they'd thought of incorporating "250" into some kind of road race or something that was 2500 feet, yards, etc...
- e. Scott gave an overview of the running programs we currently do under Parks & Recreation.
- f. Mary talked about the "run what you "brung" race that occurs at the Newport airport each year and that perhaps something where the start / finish was 2500 feet would be fun. Hillary will check into what Newport does.

#### **V. Citizen's Comment**

- a. Bernie Folta said that he thought the committee was doing an outstanding job and the work was excellent and he wanted to through a rose rather than his usual brick.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

- a. Motion to adjourn by Hillary Halleck, seconded by Bill Binder at 5:35 pm. Motion passes.

Submitted by:

Mary Walter