

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
Joint Meeting- Virtual
Parks & Recreation Commission
Community Engagement Commission

MINUTES

January 3, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:35 PM

B. ROLL CALL:

Eischen_X_ Bradbury_X_ Carlson_
Yager_X_ Curtin__ LaCasse_X_

Cooley-Kistler_X_ LaDouceur_X_
Ebbesen_X_ Locke_X_ Campbell_X_

COUNCIL LIAISON:

Andrews_X_
Mayor Gustafson_X_

STAFF PRESENT:

Thammavongsa_X_
Pavek_X_

C. PRESENTATION:

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

E. DISCUSSION:

1. Finalize the Winter Event

- All commissioners agreed that the event should be held on Saturday, February 12 from 1-3 pm at the Community Park.
- The commissioners discussed having multiple bonfires to help promote social distancing at the event, and including hay bails for seating.
- Some expressed concerns with the rising number of COVID-19 cases. It could be difficult to social distance in the horse and carriage rides. If the event needs to be cancelled, would the city get its money back? Commissioners asked Pavek to call Roselawn Stables and ask what their cancellation policy is before deciding.
- Some expressed the need to prioritize activities/games for children at the event. Thammavongsa stated that the recreation programming could be used and small prizes could be provided to the winners. Commissioners liked the idea of "Falcon Heights Winter Olympics for Kids".

- If providing horse-drawn carriage rides was not an option, a dog parade and snow sculpture contest could also be coordinated. Commissioners noted it would be fun for residents to bring their dogs to the park in their festive winter gear and vote on “best dressed”.
- Commissioners asked staff to look into whether the following ideas would be feasible:
 - o Yard games
 - o Scavenger hunt/decorated trail
 - o Luminary walk
 - o Ice skate & cross-country ski rental
 - o Food truck (to help promote local restaurants)
- General consensus that snowshoe rental, smores, and hot chocolate should be provided as was done in past winter events

F. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENT

G. ADJOURNMENT: 7:35 PM