

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
Community Engagement Commission
City Hall
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue

MINUTES
April 21, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

- A. CALL TO ORDER:
- B. ROLL CALL:
Karen Cooley-Kistler__X__ Julie Ebbesen__X__ Curt Stockford__X__ Rebecca
Leighton__ Denise King_X__
STAFF PRESENT:
Elke Johnson_X_
COUNCIL LIAISON:
Melanie Leehy_X_
- C. WELCOME
- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- King would like to add Nite to Unite to the Unfinished business knowing that we will most likely cover in a future meeting
 - Motion to approve with above mentioned additional – Cooley-Kistler
 - Unanimously approved
- E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
- March 17, 2025 Community Engagement Commission Meeting Minutes
 - Motion to approve - Ebbesen
 - Unanimously approved
- F. AGENDA
- Unfinished business
 1. Apartment Outreach
 - a. Progress on calls
 - i. Thank you to Cooley-Kistler for efforts in calling apartment managers
 - ii. Messages were left but no calls have been returned
 - iii. Other communications are in the notes on the agenda
 - iv. Johnson – it appears that the
 - v. Cooley-Kistler was pleasantly surprised that the property managers were pleasant and willing to hear what we
 - b. Johnson communicated that St. Anthony has given Ice cream coupons to apartment managers or block captains

- c. King wonders if we can find a service (Kleinman or Metro Services) to help get or fund ice cream that can be dropped off at the apartments
- d. Stockford suggests going with what is available which appears that it is the coupon that St. Anthony has to offer.
- e. Cooley-Kistler asks if we are deciding not to hold a Nite to Unite event at City Hall
- f. Knight, Johnson and Stockford agree that City Hall is good idea but we can look at possibly making use of the space at a different date, reminding that the original purpose of engaging at the apartment residence at their location.
- g. Knight - as a part of the reaching out we will mention that we are focusing on Nite to Unite and we will offer assistance or ideas to help them plan
- h. Stockford - if there are residents who are interested in planning a Nite to Unite event have them call city hall and we can suggest resources.
- i. Next steps - we will be doing another round of calls with follow up e-mails

2. Juniper

- a. Stockford having trouble connecting with Juniper. They are playing phone tag. Will continue to
- b. Interested in knowing if there needs to be a sponsorship (organizational or financial, etc). When they are looking to schedule
- c. Knight suggests inviting the Juniper representative to our next meeting.

3. Dog bags and bag receptacles in Community Park

- a. Knight - need to clarify
- b. Johnson - spoke with Parks & Rec commission. It is on the agenda for the park commission already and it is part of the renovation plan.
- c. This is now resolved on the Community Engagement Commission agenda

- New Business

4. Spring Together

- a. Johnson would like to understand what the CEC would want to do at Spring
- b. Ebbesen suggests a table and recruiting
- c. Stockford would like to handout information for Nite to Unite
- d. Knight suggests that people that want more information can sign up to receive more information
- e. Ebbesen will man the information table focusing on recruitment and Nite to Unite information
- f. Cooley-Kistler will be available for set-up
- g. Knight will be available to help clean-up and tear down
- h. Stockford is not certain of attendance for the event

5. Other Business

- a. Stockford has connected to with the Roseville Superintendent to recruit for a student commissioner. Elke will be the contact.
- b. Johnson knows that Wassenberg is also working with the school district also
- c. Stockford suggests possibly connecting with a local scouting group or similar organization.
- d. Commissioner Leighton has submitted her resignation
- e. Cooley-Kistler will be attending the May meeting but will be resigned after that meeting. Will be willing to help during the possible fall event

G. INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENT

- H. ADJOURNMENT: 7:22 PM
- Motion to adjourn – King

Next Regular Meeting is on Monday, May 19 at 6:30 PM