

BOROUGH OF OAKLAND

PUBLIC EVENTS COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - September 12, 2023 - 7:00 PM - Senior Center

The regular meeting of the Oakland Public Events Committee opened on Tuesday September 12, 2023 at 7:00pm in the Oakland Senior Center, 20 Lawlor Drive, Oakland NJ, NJ 07436.

Meeting Announcement: This meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Law, duly announced, advertised, and posted in the municipal building.

Administrative

- Role Call - Chopper Russo (Chairperson), Joe Inglima (Vice Chairperson), Kevin Bagar (Secretary), Mame Schwarzfischer, Kris Pawelko, Jerri Angermueller, Andrea Levy, Ali Fleeson
 - Council Liaison: Russel Talamini
- Absent Members: Amy Eilert, Dan D'Elia (excused), Jim Folkerts (excused)

Old Business

- Approval of last month's meeting
 - Ali Fleeson motion
 - Kris Pawalko second

New Business

- **2024 Dates**
 - Monday January 8 - Committee Meeting
 - Monday February 12 - Committee Meeting
 - Monday March 11 - Committee Meeting
 - Sunday March 23 - **Easter Egg Hunt**
 - Rain date March 24
 - Monday April 8 - Committee Meeting
 - Monday May 13 - Committee Meeting
 - Sunday May 26 - **Memorial Day Parade**
 - Monday June 10 - Committee Meeting
 - Wed-Sat June 19-22 - **Carnival**
 - Monday June 24 - Carnival Follow Up Meeting
 - Monday September 9 - Committee Meeting
 - Tuesday October 15 - Committee Meeting
 - October 26 - **Halloween Parade**

- Rain date October 27
 - Tuesday November 12 - Committee Meeting
 - Sunday December 8 - **Tree/Menorah Lighting**
 - Monday December 9 - Committee Meeting
- **Great Oak Park**
 - Arts Pavilion Grand Opening
 - Arts in Oakland Committee requesting \$499 for signage and other logistic expenses
 - Lawn signs
 - Sandwich Boards
 - Banners
 - Rules on Event Signage
 - If it is a town sponsored event signs are allowed for a period of time during the day of the event
 - Liaison Talamini to confirm at Borough Council Meeting 9/13/26.
- **Open to the Public**
 - Katie and Greg Caufield
 - Invited to committee to bring back the fireworks at the Carnival
 - Committee collectively lists reasons leading to the decision to stop having fireworks at the Carnival
 - Financial
 - Cost of fireworks
 - Extra police
 - Shuttle service
 - Safety Risks
 - Hindered Carnival success
 - Logistics
 - Discussion started about creating a new event to hold fireworks.
- **Trunk or Treat Parade October 28th 10am**
 - Access for All
 - Kris Pawalko asks if special accommodations or hours could be made for Access for All
 - Joe Inglema alerts the committee that we need more owners of classic cars to participate
 - Amenities
 - 325 Pumpkins from Shoprite
 - Corn Maze JLA Party Rentals (waiting on invoice)
 - Live Music provided by instructors and students from Real Brave
 - 10 Dozen of each type of Donut (5 Varieties) from Shoprite
 - Photo booth
 - Fall scene with bales of hay, scarecrow, pumpkin, corn stalk etc.

- Food license in progress
- Paperwork in for school as backup
- **Holiday Light Parade**
 - From Dan D'Elia:
 - "Progress on holiday lights parade for Christmas tree lighting. Working with traffic officers on route will have it finalized shortly. Going to contract businesses for participation in the light parade. Can we get like 3 plaques for best decorated vehicles in 3 different classes? Working on some other things will have a better feel by October on them"

New Business

Adjournment 8:40pm

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday October 10, 2023 7:00pm at the Oakland Senior Center