

Oakland Public Events Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 8th, 2021

OPEC meeting opened at 7:30
Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance:

Chopper Russo (Chairperson)
Pam Wasserman
Mike Kozak
Andrea Levy
Jim Folkerts
Nicole Folkerts
Jerri Angermueller
Joe Inglima
Ryan Schwertfeger
Kevin B (Secretary)
Chopper (Chairperson)

- **Welcoming Visitors**
 - Jim Folkerts
 - Nicole Folkerts
 - Ryan Schwertfeger
- **Old Business**
 - Approval of last month's minutes
 - Motion to approve accepted
- **Open Forum**
 - Ryan Schwertfeger
 - Dog park opening on Mother's Day Weekend, time TBD
 - Aiming for Saturday, Mother's Day is rain date
 - Michael Kozak: Traditionally a very business weekend. Perhaps another weekend would garner a larger crowd.
 - Ryan: Unsure if a larger crowd is desired due to COVID restrictions
 - Andrea Levy: Consider making the opening a (free) ticketed event to manage the number of people in attendance.
 - Jim Folkerts: Good idea to advertise masks and social distancing.
 - Communications Committee wishing to more closely collaborate with OPEC to advertise events.
 - Chopper: Nominates Andrea Levy to be the OPEC contact to the Oakland Communications Committee
 - Jim Folkerts
 - Nicole Folkerts is interested in joining the Oakland Public Events Committee

- Nicole Folkerts
 - Senior at FDU, graduating in May. Communications major with interest in event planning. Worked in the leadership program at the YMCA in Wyckoff.
 - Chopper: Forms are online, the council will vote you in.
- Michael Kozak: How many positions do we have open per our bylaws?
 - Chopper: Fifteen
 - Michael: Need to update current membership on the website, as well as current liaison.
 - OPEC Secretary (Kevin) to ascertain current membership by emailing Lisa Duncan - need to find out current membership and expirations.
- Chopper: Motion to close to public
 - Motion seconded by Michael Kozak
- **New Business**
 - Easter Egg Hunt
 - Set to take place on Saturday March 27th at 10am. Committee members are asked to arrive at 9am
 - Flyer read by Chopper
 - We will have tables, will be on Veteran's drive between the Library and BOE office. Will be a drive-through where we hand off baskets of eggs.
 - Andrea Levy: Do we have an Easter Bunny
 - Chopper to Jerri: will you ask your friend if she would volunteer.
 - Kevin Bagar offered to provide free live music.
 - Consensus: might be a waste if it's a drive through situation, idea rescinded.
 - Pam Wasserman: Might not be in attendance
 - Memorial Day Parade
 - Waiting to hear on the status, Director of IHHS Marching band was asking
 - Michael Kozak to call person in charge.
 - Ron Beaty not optimistic about the prospect of a parade, might be a smaller event.
 - Fever Pitch
 - Saturday June 5th
 - Dog Park Opening
 - Discussed earlier with Ryan
 - Carnival
 - Fireworks people have reached out, want to know our status. Chopper spoke to Mr. Rice who owns the Carnival company, most of his dates have been cancelled until July, but we may get lucky.
 - Andrea Levy: Would we consider pushing carnival to the fall?
 - Chopper: Could present issues with schedules with sports and providers. We can explore the option.
 - Will likely be a "game-day decision".

- Michael Kozak: If there is a chance we need to send an email out to the organizations to let them know where we stand. Will have together with Kevin and Sarah to work on the email.
 - Michael Kozak: If anyone knows anybody who has 70 members that's a local 501-C who wants to run the games of chance, we can ask the Borough Council to vote on it.
 - Michael Kozak: We should post on the facebook our status for the Carnival - the only thing holding us back from holding the Carnival is the Governor's office
- Dates are: June 16th-June 19th
 - No wristbands on Friday or Saturday
 - We should go back to those minutes and table them for next meeting.
- **Open Forum**
 - Andrea Levy: FLOW Film Festival is proposed as a drive-in movie, cost split between three towns.
 - Oakland to pay \$1,320
 - Event is in May
 - Drivethrough will be set up in Franklin Lakes
 - Michael Kozak proposes \$1,500 in case there's anything else involved
 - Joe Inglima: Spots should be allocated evenly between the three towns.
 - Andrea: Ticketed event, spots will divided evenly
 - Michael Kozak: Motions to procreate \$1,500 for the the FLOW Film Festival
 - Will be voted on at the next meeting
 - Kevin Bagar: Curious about allocating OPEC funds toward paying musicians from Real Brave to provide live music for future Public Events
 - Chopper: OPEC has not traditionally paid for musicians
 - Michael Kozak: Music may not be appropriate for every event - otherwise in favor for some events.
 - Chopper: Can be voted on a per-event basis
 - Andrea Levy: Motion to provide Bells for Bows (?) for \$1028
 - Seconded
 - Will be discussed next meeting
 - Motion to Close by Michael Kozak
 - Seconded by Jerri Angermueller