



CITY OF LAUREL, MARYLAND
JUNETEENTH EXECUTIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE

JUNETEENTH COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, June 13 2024
TIME: 6:00 PM
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM
MEETING MINUTES

Present: Carolyn Edwards, Chairperson Sandra Choute, Alvin Upton, Celeste Hill, Umimi Modeste

May 30 minutes were adopted

The agenda was approved.

Laurel Community and Culture Day is Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024, 12pm-3pm at McCullough Field on Eighth Street.

Ms. Choute will submit a vendor application for the Juneteenth Committee to participate.

Sub Committee Updates

-Program Confirmed. Ms. Modeste will make sure all of the information is correct on the program so that Ms. Choute can disseminate

-Marketing: The local paper has included the flyer. The banner is hanging over Main St. and the digital boards are active. Ms. Choute stated that the banner looks damaged and will examine it when it comes down to see if we need to replace it. Ms. Choute ordered flyers for dissemination at the Laurel Library and among businesses on Main Street.

-Games and Entertainment: The games will be delivered on Friday, June 21 to the Lakehouse. The bouncy house will be delivered and set up at 2:30. It will be picked up at the close of the program and the company will provide an attendant to stay for the

whole time. We have to make sure that someone from the committee has the key to unlock the Lakehouse on Saturday morning. Mayor Sydnor suggested Councilmember Clark be responsible for the key.

-Vendors: There are more than 30 vendors confirmed, including a few food trucks. Ms. Choute and Mr. Griffith will complete the map indicating where each vendor is assigned to set up.

-Banner: see above

Open Forum

- Ms. Modeste requested a donation for Laurel High School Choir. She will send an email to Mr. Lewis at the HS to ask to whom the check should be addressed.
- Ms. Modeste will speak to the manager at Chido's about parking for the Committee members. Other than that, people will have to find on-street parking on Mulberry Street.
- Ms. Choute publicly acknowledged Ms. Carolyn Edwards for her support and guidance this year. She has been extremely helpful.
- Please remember to attend the Juneteenth Flag-raising on Wednesday, June 19 at noon at the Laurel Municipal Center.
- Committee members should arrive at the park no later than 2pm on Saturday, June 22. Ms. Choute will be there at 1:30.
- Ms. Choute will follow up with Ms. Awuro about being the MC for the event.

Next meeting/Steps: Follow up meeting:

- Post celebration follow up meeting Friday, June 28, 2024 at 11 am via Zoom. Ms. Carolyn Edwards will send an invitation.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:35 pm.

Approved

Rhea Umami Modeste
Secretary