



**CITY OF LAUREL, MARYLAND
PRIDE DAY CELEBRATION PLANNING
COMMITTEE**

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Amy Dunham
Michelle Keating
Amy Knox
Alvin K. Smith, Jr.

PRIDE DAY CELEBRATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026

6:30 PM

VIRTUAL MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

The meeting convened virtually at approximately 6:34 pm with Councilman James Kole, Chair, Jennifer Bronson, Amy Dunham, Michelle Keating, and Amy Knox present. Absent were: Dana Cunningham and Alvin Smith. City Staff present was Maria Morales, Administrative Assistant II, City Clerk's Office. There were zero (0) members of the public in attendance.

Agenda Item No. 2 was Approval of the following meeting minutes:

- July 21, 2026, 2026 Meeting

Amy Knox made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Amy Dunham seconded the motion that was carried on a voice vote of all members present.

Agenda Item No. 3 was 2026 Fundraising Planning Discussion. The Committee discussed the following fundraising events:

Drag Brunch

August 30, 2026

Update: Amy Dunham confirmed that \$221 in ticket sales had made to date. Volunteers available for the day of the event: Michele Keating, Alvin Smith, Amy Dunham, Chairman Kole.

Drag Bingo X 2

September 18, 2026

Update: Chairman Kole noted that Dana Cunningham requested a flyer to post on the Committee's pages and to add to the store. The Committee agreed that the price for tickets would remain the same as last year's event and to allow for more books to be purchased on site. Chairman Kole noted that performers were unknown and the facility had an 80-person maximum capacity. It was further noted that Chairman Kole would let the Committee know last year's price and would review total revenue and expenditures.

Agenda Item No. 4 was Event Recap: Crab Sale

Update: The Fourth of July Committee did not want to do any online sales this year. Total fundraised came to \$5,675. Per Amy Dunham the Fourth of July Committee was planning to absorb all advertising costs for next year's sales. Maria Morales said she would send Chairman Kole a spreadsheet with all the Clover and web sales to compare and reconcile against drag brunch sales. Amy Knox said that there were major improvements from last year's sales, the process went much smoother, and everyone did a great job. Chairman Kole said that there needed to be a better way of keeping a more accurate count of the crab sales because there was an extra bushel of crabs left at the end. Fourth of July Committee suggested only having one sale next year and the Committee agreed that the sale should be in August.

Agenda Item No. 5 was Pride Event Planning Update. Amy Dunham said that sponsorships had been confirmed with Big City Body Art, Atlantic Union Bank, and Power. Amy Dunham would check with the food vendors to confirm that everything was ready on their end and would send the number to Chairman Kole.

Chairman Kole noted that Alvin Smith had lined up the performers and entertainment for the event. He also noted that waiver forms for the performers would be requested and the lineup would be requested from Alvin Smith one week before the event.

Amy Knox confirmed the Pirates to perform during event. There was discussion about possibly moving food vendors to the paved area closer to the Lakehouse. The Committee agreed to request hay bales from the Department of Parks and Recreation to use as additional seating for guests.

The Committee discussed the possibility of having special merch for 5th Anniversary event and Amy Knox would find items and get pricing for the group to consider. Amy Dunham was working on finding a 360° photo booth. Chairman Kole would work on ordering banners for the event.

Agenda Item No. 6 was New Business. Amy Dunham told the Committee that they received an email from LGBTQ Advocates for Youth requesting a support letter for their organization. Chairman Kole noted that he would have to refer the request to the City Solicitor because they were a City committee, but that individual Committee members were free to write their own letters on behalf of themselves and not of the Committee or City.

The Committee agreed that the next meeting would be held virtually on September 1st or 8th to be confirmed with the City Clerk.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 pm.

Approved:



Date: *September 22, 2026*

Sara A. Green, CPM, MMC
City Clerk

Pride Day Celebration Planning Committee

Attendance/Voting Record

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

6:30 PM

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Start Time: 6:34 End Time: 7:15 Public in Attendance: ☒

Attendance/Roll Call

<u>Absent</u>	Dana Cunningham	<u>☒</u>	Amy Dunham	<u>☒</u>	Jennifer Bronson
<u>☒</u>	Michelle Keating	<u>☒</u>	Amy Knox	<u>Absent</u>	Alvin Smith
<u>☒</u>	Chairman James Kole (Councilman)				

Agenda Item No. 2- Approval of Minutes- July 21, 2026 Meeting

<u>absent</u>	Dana Cunningham	<u>2nd</u>	Amy Dunham	<u>☒</u>	Jennifer Bronson
<u>☒</u>	Michelle Keating	<u>1st</u>	Amy Knox	<u>absent</u>	Alvin Smith
<u>☒</u>	Chairman James Kole (Councilman)				

Agenda Item No. 6- New Business

No vote needed

_____ **Dana Cunningham** _____ **Amy Dunham** _____ **Jennifer Bronson**

_____ **Michelle Keating** _____ **Amy Knox** _____ **Alvin Smith**

_____ **Chairman James Kole (Councilman)**



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AGENDA

VIRTUAL MEETING

Please contact the City Clerk at 301-725-5300 Ext. 2120 or clerk@laurel.md.us to request Zoom Meeting link by 2:00 pm the day of the meeting.

1. Call to Order
2. **Approval of Minutes**
 - July 21, 2026 Meeting
3. **2026 Fundraising Planning Discussion**

Drag Brunch

August 30, 2026

Drag Bingo

September 18th- Doors Open at 6:30 pm Games Start at 7:00 pm
Oaklands Presbyterian Church

4. **Event Recap**

Crab Sales w/Fourth of July Committee

August 8, 2026

5. **Pride Event Planning Update**
 - Sponsors
 - Vendors
 - Entertainment Schedule
6. **New Business**
7. Adjourn