



CITY OF LAUREL, MARYLAND  
JUNETEENTH EXECUTIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE

**JUNETEENTH COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Wednesday, May 01, 2024**  
**6:00 PM**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called by Committee Chair Sandra Choute. Members in attendance were Committee Chair Sandra Choute, Celeste Hill, Carolyn Edwards, Ummi Modeste and Troy Griffith

The committee agreed to accept the minutes from Monday, April 22, 2024. as they were because they had already been read. If anyone thinks there was a mistake in the minutes of April 22's meeting, email Ummi Modeste.

The agenda for today has been accepted.

Some vendors have already paid for their spot at the event. Ms. Edwards keeps the committee updated every time a vendor registers and pays.

**Sub Committee Updates:**

**Program:** Line Dance Instructor, Burley Johnson, is confirmed.

LHS step team is confirmed. The committee will make a donation to them. Committee Chair Sandra Choute will follow up with Ms. Awuro about the African Dance Team. Ms. Choute will also follow up with the person who is pouring libations and the singer who will open up with "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing".

**-Marketing:** City of Laurel has been publicizing on social media. Ms. Choute will look into what radio stations we can ask to advertise. DJRomeo is from WPGC, so he can help with that. The Spanish language station is 99.1 Zol, which is the sister station of WPGC. Ms. Choute will follow up with DJRomeo. Ms. Choute will also contact LaurelTV about featuring Juneteenth on one of their shows.

**-Games and Entertainment:** Mr. Upton will pick up the games from Robert DiPietro Community Center. He will work out

the pickup date and time with the Laurel Parks and Recreation staff at RDCC. If we want a bouncy house, it will cost \$300. Ms. Choute believes there's a bouncy house contractor who works with the City. Mr. Upton will update the committee on pricing. Ms. Choute believes there's enough in the budget.

-**DJ:** confirmed. His name is DJ Romeo, and his fee is \$500.00. He will also work with Mr. Johnson, the line dance instructor.

-**Vendors:** So far, we only have three vendors and there are no food trucks. Ms. Choute said we really need to reach out to food truck vendors. Mr. Griffith assured the committee that he would respond to emails from vendors within 24 hours.

Committee Chair Sandra Choute suggests that the volunteers from the Laurel Women's Club pass out water throughout the park. Ms. Choute will find out how to purchase water.

Ms. Modeste spoke to Signarama, and they are willing and able to produce a banner by May 11<sup>th</sup>, the Main Street Festival. She will follow up with them tomorrow, May 2, because they did not fulfill their promise to get back to her on pricing. Ms. Choute will work on the design to have it ready when the committee obtains all the information from Signarama.

Ms. Edwards will find out if the city will provide Porta-potties. Ms. Choute will talk to Parks and Rec to ensure that the Lake House bathrooms remain open until at least 7:30pm.

The next meeting will be set for Wednesday, May 15 at 6pm. Ms. Edwards will send out the calendar invitation with the Zoom link.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37pm EDT.

Submitted:

Rhea Umami Modeste  
Secretary