



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

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PRIDE DAY CELEBRATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024

7:00 PM

IN-PERSON MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBER

MEETING MINUTES

The meeting convened in the Council Chamber of the Joseph R. Robison Laurel Municipal Center at approximately 7:05 pm. The roll was called with Council President James Kole, Chair, Dana Cunningham, Amy Dunham, Nicole Gore, Michelle Keating, Amy Knox, and Alvin Smith were present. City Staff present were: Sara A. Green, CPM, CMC, City Clerk and James Cornwell-Shiel, Director, Department of Information Technology. There were no members of the public present.

Agenda Item No. 2 was Approval of Minutes from:

- Wednesday, July 19, 2024
- Tuesday, September 19, 2024
- Monday, February 5, 2024

Dana Cunningham made a motion to approve the three (3) sets of minutes. Nicole Gore seconded the motion that was carried on a voice vote of all members present.

Director Cornwell-Shiel showed a webpage from the City website that would be used to develop the Pride Committee webpage and provided information regarding different features the page was capable of. Mr. Cornwell-Shiel also showed a website outline with content that Amy Knox had prepared, and the Committee members discussed ideas. The Committee decided that they would like to use the domain: www.laurelpride.org and Mr. Cornwell-Shiel acquired the domain during the meeting.

Dana Cunningham noted that she could no longer login to the Pride Committee's Instagram page. Mr. Cornwell-Shiel said a new password had been assigned to the City's Instagram page and he would give her access.

Director Cornwell-Shiel was going to begin working on the new page and he would set up a Word Press account for the Committee.

Next, the Committee discussed fundraising planning. The following fundraising events were discussed:

- April- Designer Bag Bingo- request Oaklands Presbyterian Church to host
- May or September- Drag Brunch at Nuzbacks
- August- Possible Drag Bingo- request Oseh Shalom to host
- May 31st- Possible Pride Flag Raising at City Hall at sunset (approx. 7:30 pm) followed by Pride Committee fundraiser at Oliver's at 8:00 pm

The Committee would also like to have a space for the Main Street Festival. Ms. Green to contact Laurel Board of Trade to inquire about sign-up process and cost for space. Also, obtain information regarding sign-up for the parade and report back to Committee. The Committee discussed some of the merch items already in inventory that would be given away at the Main Street Festival.

The Committee agreed that \$500 would be spent to obtain the bags for the Designer Bag Bingo.

Next, the Committee discussed new merch items to purchase.

Lastly, the Committee decided that the next two (2) meetings would be held virtually at 7:00 pm on the following dates:

- Tuesday, March 26, 2024
- Tuesday, April 16, 2024

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10 pm.

Approved:



Sara A. Green, CPM, CMC
City Clerk

Date: March 26, 2024



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Pride Day Celebration Committee

8103 Sandy Spring Road
Laurel, Maryland 20707-2502
Council Chamber

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

7:00 PM

In-Person Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
 - Wednesday, July 19, 2023
 - Tuesday, September 19, 2023
 - Monday, February 5, 2024
3. Webpage Design Discussion- James Cornwell-Shiel, Director, Department of Information Technology
4. Fundraising Planning
5. Discuss Meeting Schedule
6. Adjourn

Pride Day Celebration Planning Committee

Attendance/Voting Record

Tuesday, March 12, 2024
7:00 PM

Started: 7:05 pm Ended: 8:10 pm

Attendance/Roll Call

☒ Dana Cunningham ☒ Amy Dunham ☒ Nicole Gore

☒ Michelle Keating ☒ Amy Knox ☒ Alvin Smith

☒ Chairman James Kole (Councilmember)

Approval of Minutes: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 *Motion to approve*

1st Dana Cunningham *yes* Amy Dunham *2nd* Nicole Gore

yes Michelle Keating *yes* Amy Knox *yes* Alvin Smith

yes Chairman James Kole (Councilmember)

Approval of Minutes: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 *Motion to approve*

1st Dana Cunningham *yes* Amy Dunham *2nd* Nicole Gore

yes Michelle Keating *yes* Amy Knox *yes* Alvin Smith

yes Chairman James Kole (Councilmember)

Approval of Minutes: Monday, February 5, 2024 *Motion to approve*

1st Dana Cunningham *yes* Amy Dunham *2nd* Nicole Gore

yes Michelle Keating *yes* Amy Knox *yes* Alvin Smith

yes Chairman James Kole (Councilmember)