



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

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Nicole Gore
Michelle Keating
Amy Knox
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PRIDE DAY CELEBRATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

6:30 PM

IN-PERSON MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

The meeting convened virtually at approximately 6:30 pm with Councilman James Kole, Chair, Amy Dunham, Michelle Keating, and Amy Knox present. Absent: Nicole Gore, and Alvin Smith. City Staff present was Sara A. Green, CPM, MMC, City Clerk. There were two (2) members of the public in attendance.

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

- September 29, 2025 Meeting

Amy Dunham made a motion to approve the September 29, 2025 minutes as presented. Michelle Keating seconded the motion that was carried on a roll call vote of all members present.

Agenda Item No. 3 was Event Recap:

Pride Day Celebration- October 11, 2025

The Committee reviewed the Pride Day Celebration event. Below are some of the items discussed amongst many:

- Consider possible methods of keeping count of how many people attended the event throughout the duration of the event.
- The Information Tent needs to be in a more conspicuous location so that it is easily identifiable to attendees.
- Music- Too loud at times- lower volume next time and need more music genres included.
- Utilize more space in the park.
- Consider golf cart/transport of visitors with accessibility issues. Consider decorating a golf cart and transporting the queens from the Lakehouse to the stage in it.
- Include more directional signage on the field and surrounding area.
- Ask Parks and Recreation to put Pride event information on the

- digital signs on the poles at Gude Lake.
- Advertise in community newsletters and deliver flyers to local apartment complexes.
- Consider a mix of performers for next event including comedians, bands, etc. in addition to drag queens.
- Obtain raffle items from sponsors.
- Consider a Dog Pride Costume Contest.
- Create a Pride Basket to raffle off at the Main Street Festival.

Agenda Item No. 4 was Ending Escrow Balance Review. The Committee decided to move the item to the next meeting agenda.

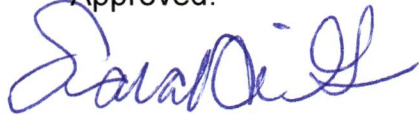
There was no new business brought before the Committee.

The Committee determined that the next meeting would be virtual and be held on December 17, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 pm.

Approved:

Date:



December 17, 2025

Sara A. Green, CPM, MMC
City Clerk

Pride Day Celebration Planning Committee

Attendance/Voting Record

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6:30 PM

In-Person Meeting

Joseph R. Robison Laurel Municipal Center
8103 Sandy Spring Road Laurel, Maryland 20707

Meeting Room 2

Start Time: 6:30pm End Time: 8:00pm Public In Attendance: 2

Attendance/Roll Call

<u>absent</u>	Dana Cunningham	<u>✓</u>	Amy Dunham	<u>absent</u>	Nicole Gore
<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- September 29, 2025 Meeting

<u>absent</u>	Dana Cunningham	<u>1st</u>	Amy Dunham	<u>absent</u>	Nicole Gore
<u>2nd</u>	Michelle Keating	<u>Yes</u>	Amy Knox	<u>absent</u>	Alvin Smith
<u>yes</u>	Chairman James Kole (Councilman)				



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AGENDA

IN-PERSON MEETING

Joseph R. Robison Laurel Municipal Center

Meeting Room 2

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
 - September 29, 2025 Meeting
3. Event Recap
 - Pride Day Celebration- October 11, 2025
4. Ending Escrow Account Balance Review
5. New Business
6. Adjourn