



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

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**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024**

**6:00 PM**

**VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING**

***MEETING MINUTES***

The meeting convened via Zoom at approximately 6:06 pm. The roll was called with Councilman James Kole, Chair, absent, Dana Cunningham, Amy Dunham, Nicole Gore, Michelle Keating, Amy Knox, Alvin Smith, and Ms. Amber Johnson, Administrative Assistant II were present. Ms. Keating chaired the meeting in Chairman Kole's absence. There were no members of the public present.

Ms. Keating congratulated the Pride Committee on a successful Drag Brunch fundraiser that was held at Nuzbacks Bar in Laurel.

Ms. Dunham thanked Mr. Smith for his excellent performance at the Drag Brunch and all his help in finding the Queens to perform at the Drag Brunch.

Ms. Knox said she had access to a folder that had over 400 photos from Drag Brunch and would send them to the Pride Committee, for Laurel City Pride Day and the Pride Committee's website. Ms. Dunham reported that the Pride Committee sold 45 tickets to the brunch ahead of time, with a total of fifty-three (53) tickets sold altogether, amounting to \$1,500.

Next, Mr. Smith reported that the Queens had a blast and that they really enjoyed themselves at the Drag Brunch. And that him and the Queens were very pleased with the turn out. Ms. Keating proposed the idea of the Committee hosting a Drag Brunch and Bingo a couple times a year as a fundraiser.

Mr. Smith reported the success the Pride Committee had at their fundraiser at the Laurel Skating Rink. The Committee had 50/50 boards and new stickers and shirts.

Ms. Dunham reported that the Pride Committee had six (6) sponsors and four (4) of them would take advantage of the vendor spaces included with the sponsorship. There were a total of forty-three (43) vendors signed up for Laurel Pride Day. Ms. Dunham mentioned some of the vendors: LARS, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Prince Georges County Maryland Connect, and Daydream Sunshine, which would offer

free HIV testing and many more City of Laurel groups were also signed up. Ms. Dunham asked the Committee their thoughts on asking Emilias Acrobatics, Gymnastics and Cheer if they had a group who would like to do a performance on stage for Laurel City Pride. The Committee agreed on having Emilias Acrobatics, Gymnastics and Cheer do a group performance for Laurel City Pride.

Next, Ms. Cunningham said she had set recurring reminders about the event for every other day on Facebook and Instagram. The Committee also discussed putting ads in the newspaper such as the Howard County Times, Laurel Independent, The Hyattsville Wire and the New College Park Newspaper. Ms. Cunningham agreed to work on the ads.

The Committee discussed the Laurel Mill Playhouse participating in the Pride Day Celebration and reviewed the schedule.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 pm.

Approved:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sara A. Green".

Sara A. Green, CPM, CMC  
City Clerk

Date: March 12, 2024