

JULY MEETING

21 JULY 2026 / 6:08 PM / VILLAGE HALL

ATTENDEES

LaShawna Joshua, Veranda Rucker, Nita Thompson, Eric Dilbert, Beth Moses, Barbara Williams

ABSENT

Corinna Guerrero

AGENDA

Approval of Agenda

- Brian Meissen (Village President) motioned to amend the July Agenda by adding Allison Hollis under unfinished business to discuss her proposal for a community flower garden
- Motioned: Barbara Williams
- Support: Veranda Rucker
- Vote all ayes, motioned carried

Public Comments on Agenda Items

- None

June 2026 Meeting Minutes

- Motioned: Eric Dilbert
- Support: Beth Moses
- Vote all ayes, motioned carried

Treasurer's Report (Beth Moses)

- \$4,130.00 - as of July 2026

- Lynette Ruffi stated that they implemented a new system in the office which only allows them to print up to a certain month so we cannot see the upcoming projected months.
- Veranda Rucker asked, per the new system and the treasurer report as of today, does the report show all upcoming transactions. Lynette R. confirmed that everything has been paid in advance and is reflected on the report (Stage rental, movies in the park etc.)
- Lynette confirmed that due to being denied June and July 2026 Tiger tickets, the funds should increase by \$3,000
- Motioned received and carried: Beth Moses
- Support: Barbara Williams
- Vote all ayes, motioned carried

Unfinished Business

A. Community Flower Garden Proposal (Allison Hollis)

- a. Allison proposed a 50x50 community flower garden to go in the Haven Ridge Community Park.

- i. With a lot of construction happening in our community, we are losing Oxygen and many animals are being displaced.
- ii. Flower cost \$612.47
- iii. Proposed Budget: \$8,354.52

- b. Nita Thompson has concerns about the community garden going in the Haven Ridge Community Park due to minimum security and possible vandalism.

- i. LaShawna Joshua suggested that the garden location should be in the space behind the New Haven LED Sign.
- ii. Lynette suggested we could potentially use the stones and to sell them for a fundraiser.
- iii. Potentially sell plaques for benches.
- iv. Brian Meissen advised that the area may not have a water source, will confirm

- v. Allison stated that seeds can cut the cost instead of buying whole plants. Also advised that the seeds will give us a bigger variety.
- c. Motioned: Barbara Williams
- d. Support: Veranda Rucker
- e. Vote all ayes, motioned carried. Allison to work with Barabara W. and Veranda R. to get the proposal updated with the new suggestions to be presented to the council at the August 2026 meeting

B. Red, Hot, and Blue Recap

- a. Lynette R: Proposes that we move the starting time from 3:00pm to 5:00pm.
- b. The main stage was empty for a certain amount of time before the actual entertainment. Suggests possible ideas so that there's something going on:
 - i. Move "New Havens Got Talent" to the main stage
 - ii. Comedians
 - iii. Verander R suggested to have a DJ
- c. Barabara W stated that there was a random man in a trenchcoat taking photos (unauthorized). When approached he advised that he goes around taking photos at local events. He made it seem like he had permission. Brian and Lynette confirmed that he did not have permission but did get his business card and Brian would reach out.
 - i. Beth advised that the man stated that he lived in New Haven on Stevens Street.
 - ii. Brian will reach out to the man to retrieve the photos.
- d. Bounce House - The woman who was watching the bounce house for the younger kids being selective with certain kids when it came to entry.
 - i. Lynette proposed that she will look around for other Bounce House businesses. Along with a Bounce House with a waterslide due to request by locals.
- e. Lynette requested to rent two mister fans for the Tents for 2027 in the amount of \$175.

- i. Brian asked what would be the water source
 - ii. Lynette stated she would find out and present at August meeting
 - iii. Motioned to table for next meeting
- f. Sponsors Package: Lynette R proposed that we present a sponsors package to local businesses.
 - i. Getting donations will help pay for items such as carnival rides for Red, Hot, and Blue, assisting with trip tickets for children, Trunk or Treat candy, and etc.
 - ii. 3 Tiers: Advocate (\$500), Champion (\$1,000), and Benefactor (\$1,500)
 - 1. Lynette requested Barabara to help with a Sponsor template letter to send for donation requests.
Barabara to work on it and have it ready for the August Meeting.
 - iii. Bayarama: Doesn't charge the city to bring out carnival rides. They sell wristbands and then split the sales with the town afterwards.
 - 1. Nita asked if there was a minimum number of wristbands that needed to be sold and if we did not make that quota would we be on the hook for it.
 - 2. Brian stated if was not sure but if they did come they would want a multiday commitment (Fri-Saturday)
 - 3. Motioned to table until a company is found that we could potentially work with, the best location for them to host, and what attractions would work.
- g. LaShawna Joshua discussed how a woman attempted to come and set up without registering and wanted to register on the spot.
 - i. Veranda Rucker motioned that we increase the registration fee and have a cutoff date for vendors
 - 1. Returning Vendors: \$50
 - 2. New Vendors: \$75
 - 3. Late Fee: \$100
 - ii. Motioned: Barbara Williams
 - iii. Support: Veranda Rucker
- h. Nita Thompson requested to have a sign near the water fountain warning people to stay out of it due to harsh chemicals – people

continue to put their feet in and allow their children to play in it.

- i. Beth Moses requested to have a no dogs allowed sign unless they are a service animal and if they are a service animal they need to wear identification

New Business

A. Tigers Games

- a. Due to not meeting their attendance requirements, the village was denied tickets to the June and July Tiger Games.
 - i. Tigers require a 96% attendance rate (47/50)
 - ii. Village only having 37/50
 - iii. Proposed to potentially increase the price.
 - iv. Discussed stipulations for tickets (must ride the bus, etc)
 - v. Motioned to table it for August meeting

B. Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor DreamCoat

- a. Will provide us with a \$4 per ticket discount (discount price \$38each)
- b. Can take the small bus
- c. Lynette proposed to charge people \$20 per ticket and village would cover the rest
- d. Brian motioned to table all new events until Lynette has had a chance to look at agreed upcoming events and to see how much money we have left over.

C. Upcoming Bowling Events

- a. Community has been requesting upcoming bowling events
- b. Lynette to contact Strikers in Chesterfield to get more information
- c. Will discuss at the August meeting

D. Veranda R asked Brian about a potential pay raise for the Parks and Rec Board

- a. Brian stated that the request would need to go to the council.

Call from the Floor

- Nita Thompson stated that during 2027 Music in the Park, we should allow vendors to come up and set up a New Haven Market to help bring more traction to the event. Allow locals to come out and showcase their business.
 - Motioned to table it for the next meeting

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned: 7:56pm
- Motioned: Barbara Williams
- Support: Veranda Rucker
- Vote all ayes, motioned carried