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MINUTES

Community Engagement Committee
Prosper Town Hall, Council Chambers
250 W. First Street, Prosper, Texas
Wednesday, August 5, 2026

1. **Call to Order / Roll Call.**
The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Committee Members Present:
Kimberly Smith, Chair
Soprina Reeves, Vice Chair
Annie Bunger
Samad Abdur-Razzaaq
Andy Franco
Kari Willis
Ella Lee
Jeff Robinson
Rory Conley
Jennifer Downs

Committee Members Absent:
Sean Boardman

Councilmembers Present:
Amy Bartley

Staff Members Present:
Mario Canizares, Town Manager
Stephen Tanner, Director of Community Engagement & Experiences
Madison Clark, EDC Executive Director
Myrisa Petty, Community Engagement Coordinator
Kaylynn Stone, Special Events Manager
Angela Lewis, Event Specialist

2. **Consider and act upon the minutes of the June 3, 2026 Community Engagement Committee (CEC) meeting.**
Andy Franco made a motion to approve and Soprina Reeves seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. **Comments from the Public.**
There were no public comments.

4. **Boards & Commissions Overview**
Mr. Canizares gave an overview of each of the Boards & Commissions that currently operate with the Town of Prosper. He also presented information on staff roles, responsibilities and how boards and staff work together for the Town's initiatives.

5. **All-American City Program Update**
Mr. Canizares shared the lists of 2026 finalists and past Texas winners for the All-American City recognition. Also presented were the steps and dates for applications for the accreditation. Mr. Canizares suggested that should Prosper win, there should be a rebranding to promote the win. Mr. Robinson commented that some municipalities may have hired consultants to handle the designation because it is very administratively intensive. The committee suggested waiting until late 2027 to apply for the 2028 accreditation.

6. **America 250 Art/Essay Competition**
Mr. Hernandez proposed a competition for the youth of Prosper to either submit an essay or art in honor of America 250. The CEC asked logistics questions regarding the competition including who the judges would be, what age group would be the target audience, and if this could be done in partnership with the library. Mr. Hernandez shared that the proposal will be workshopped further and brought back to the committee.

7. **Town Recognized Holiday Discussion**
Mr. Tanner briefed the group on the current lists of holidays that staff works off of. He shared the current list of federal and state holidays and asked the group which holidays they suggest recognition for on social media versus if more should be done. The committee remitted this to the communications subcommittee to dive deeper into and return with a suggestion for staff.

8. **America 250 Debrief**
Ms. Stone outlined the facts and figures for the different events held during the Prosper America 250 celebrations. For the Downtown Block Party, Ms. Willis shared good feedback regarding the location of the stage but wished for more posters/signage downtown to promote the event. Ms. Reeves commented on the ticket pricing for the Block Party being lowered. She also suggested for the Stars, Stripes & Prosper Nights evening, the music and car show should have been closer together. Ms. Smith commended the library for a well-attended Fourth of July parade.

9. **Prosper on Tap/Downtown Plaza Activation**
Ms. Stone updated the committee that due to low interest, they are moving away from the Prosper on Tap series. She shared that staff is currently working to bring two fall events to replace Prosper on Tap and have them centered around sports and other fall themes.

10. **Voice of the Town**
Committee members shared feedback regarding cost of programs including the Active Adult programs.

11. **Discuss and consider "CEC Top 3" & Save the Date Items**
The committee decided their CEC Top 3 would be:
    - Mayor's Youth Advisory Council Applications
    - Holidays
    - Youth Involvement

12. **Requests for future agenda items.**
The Committee requested the following for future agenda items:
    - A joint meeting with the Downtown Advisory Committee to be held September 2.

13. Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m. on August 5, 2026.

These minutes were approved on October 7, 2026.

APPROVED

Sophia Reeves, Vice Chair

ATTESTED

Stephen Tanner, Director of Community Engagement & Experiences