

Trumbull Day Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2021

Present:

Traci Galla
Bridget Dial
Vincent Camarota
Joseph Ruospo
Dana Lonergan
Lisa Hughes
Preston Merritt

Also present:

Kathleen McGannon, Chief Administrative Officer, commission clerk
Joanne Orenstein, volunteer
William Chin, meeting facilitator
Katie Dunn, TCTV

Call to order at 7:05 PM by Chairman Merritt.

Chairman Merritt stated that the purpose of the meeting was to determine the feasibility of having Trumbull Day this year. The idea was to proceed as if we would be able, pending guidance/restrictions from the governor.

CARNIVAL

Discussion regarding the carnival occurred. Chairman Merritt asked about the contract with Stewart Amusement and Ms. McGannon indicated that the contract had a clause allowing us to extend the contract for this year. It would seem likely that Trumbull Day could be held on July 2nd and 3rd. A motion was made by Ms. Dial, seconded by Mr. Camarota, for Chairman Merritt to reach out to Stewart Amusement and determine what dates would be available.

Vote: 6-0-1 (Merritt)

FIREWORKS

Atlas Fireworks is available for July 2nd and 3rd. Moved by Mr. Camarota, seconded by Mr. Lonergan, to extend the contract with Atlas for the fireworks. Ms. McGannon to contact the Purchasing agent to extend contract and check available dates. **Vote: 7-0**

FOOD TRUCKS

Joanne Orenstein requested that we do our best to utilize Trumbull restaurants, Trumbull vendors, and Trumbull sponsors to make this focused on Trumbull. Ms. Galla stated that she reaches out to local people first but noted that many do not have a truck that enables them to meet Health Department requirements. About a dozen trucks who committed to last year will be contacted. Chairman Merritt and Ms. Galla would like to respect the loyalty shown by several food vendors in the past. Ms. Galla mentioned that some food vendors may not even be operational after being shut down for so long.

Mr. Camarota asked if we should waive the fee for the trucks. Mr. Merritt stated that the fee ensures commitment and buy-in and is a good part of our revenue. Discussion was held regarding the fee cost. If we will need to lower the number of attendees, perhaps the fee should be lowered.

Much will depend upon the guidance about carnivals/festivals that has not been released yet.

ENTERTAINMENT

Ms. Dial reported that the Jimmy Buffett cover band and our audio company still have our deposits from last year. Ms. Dial will check their availability. Mr. Ruospo asked about the stage from Stratford. Ms. McGannon will check the availability of the stage from Stratford Parks and Rec.

VENDORS

Ms. Orenstein would like to contact Economic Development Director, Rina Bakalar, to get a list of Trumbull businesses who might like to have a vendor tent for some exposure. Ms. McGannon mentioned that we may need to spread the rides further apart and that might take over the area that was used for vendors. Again, guidance is needed.

SPONSORS

We need to be sensitive to the economic situation that previous sponsors might be in. A very different request letter will need to be crafted. Ms. McGannon will handle the sponsor requests. Chairman Merritt would like to have a "catchy" theme for Trumbull Day.

ROTARY

Mr. Lonergan will again handle the Rotary Club and the alcohol sales. We will need to get on the BOE agenda to get permission. Ms. McGannon will make that request.

Next meeting: April 31, 2021 7 PM

Moved by Mr. Ruospo, seconded by Ms. Galla to adjourn.

Vote: 7-0

