



City of Rock Falls 150th Anniversary Celebration

13th Meeting 4-11-2017 6:00pm

Attendees:

Mayor Wescott, Clerk Arduini, Marie Hoagland, Becky Wilkinson, Bill Abate, Robert Bales, Marsha Melchi, Gene Jacoby, Betty Clementz, Barb Lamb, Brenda Sisson, Ben Phillips, Rev. Solomon Sudhakar, Russ Siefken, Judy Bell, Bob Bell, Melinda Jones, Rene Sotelo, Kendra Sotelo, Charlene Smith, Connie Selmi, Frank Yaklich, Judy Bell, Elizabeth Tribley, Brian Tribley, Jim Schuneman.

1. Call to order - Mayor Wescott

Mayor Bill Wescott welcomed the guests.

2. Review notes of previous meeting.

The group reviewed the notes of the previous meeting, and they were approved as written.

3. Marketing discussion

The marketing and promotions committee will meet on April 19th at 6:00pm to discuss promotional items for the headquarters. There will be a Cleanup Day on April 29th at 10:00am for the new headquarters at the former Cimino's Pizza building 110 West 2nd Street.

4. Planning Discussion

a. Final Program Schedule

Final Planning is still not possible due to some outstanding issues. The planning will be finalized at the next meeting on Wednesday April 26th at 6:00pm.

The current schedule:

July 24th or 25th

Afternoon - Time Capsule will be removed and contents will be made ready for documentation, and display.

Friday July 28th

7:00pm - RB&W District Stage 1st round of Beard Competition judging.

Saturday July 29th

10:00am - 5:00pm Air Celebration at Whiteside County Airport

5:00pm - Doors open at the ball (Rock Falls High School) for viewing time capsule items.

Sunday July 30th - Religious Heritage Day

Morning - Religious services at each church

Group Hymn and bell choirs in the afternoon at RB&W District

1:00pm - Riverfront Beard Finals

2:00pm - Family bike ride

3:00pm - Dedication of the Peace Pole

6:00pm – Church Sing and events at the RB&W District Park

Monday July 31st

Open House Rock Falls Electric 9:00am – 2:00pm

Historical displays 6 rooms open at 10:00am – 4:00pm (RFHS)

Living in the 1800s presentation 10:00am – 4:00pm (RFHS)

Presentation by Frank Yaklich about the history of the Hennepin Canal 6:30pm (RFMS)

Rotary Cornboil 11am- 7:00pm Rock Falls Community Building

Tuesday August 1st

Tours of the Wastewater Treatment plant 9:00am – 2:00pm

History of Rock Falls 1867- 1917 – Russ Siefken 6:30pm (RFMS)

Wednesday August 2nd

Tours of Police – Fire 9:00am – 2:00pm

History of Rock Falls 1917-1967 – Eric Arduini 6:30pm (RFMS)

Thursday August 3rd

Tours of Water Department 9:00am – 2:00pm

History of Rock Falls 1967 – Present - Bill Wescott 6:30pm (RFMS)

Friday August 4th

Family Bike Ride 2:00pm

Antique Car Show

Music on the Riverfront - RB&W District Stage

Food begins at 5:30pm

Music from 6:00 to 8:00pm

Barber shoppers,

Alumni Steel Band,

Alumni Band,

Other bands possible

Other various activities in the RB&W Park area

Saturday August 5th

Arts and Crafts Show 10:00-5:00 setup at 8:00am

20 In-home businesses now allowed on South area

Parade at 10:30am

Karaoke and other kid's activities in the 300 block of west 2nd St.

Street Dance begins at 3:00pm

Bands to perform at the street dance:

3:00-4:00 Bobbie & Shay

4:30-6:30 Cal Stage

7:00-9:00 Nashville Smoking Guns

Line dancing will be held in between acts

Karaoke will be held at the other end of the street for children along with other activities

Fireworks will be held at dark

Beer Garden ends at 9:00pm

- b. Clean-Up Day at Headquarters (110 West 2nd Street) will be on Saturday April 29th at 10:00am.
- c. Promotions Schedule – The Committee thanks Dave Barajas for offering the building. They would like to open on May 1st, 2017.

5. Committee Reports :

Air Celebration - Warbirds Over Whiteside 2017

Mike Dowell from the Whiteside County Airport spoke about their Air Celebration event. Their website is www.warbirdsoverwhiteside.com they also have a Facebook page.

The Airport is looking to feature 4 “anchor” planes that will draw smaller planes to the event. The event has received a grant from the airport. They will be using the field on the north side of the driveway for parking. The entry fees will be \$5.00 per person, or \$10.00 per carload. They are seeking sponsorships to bring the pilots in offering cheap fuel and free food.

Cookbook

The Cookbooks should be delivered in the end of May, 800 books were ordered.

Music on the Riverfront

The event will feature Barbershoppers, Rock Falls Alumni Band, Alumni Steel Drum Band, and possibly RFHS Band.

There will be a free face painter, and Rock Falls Methodist will be a food vendor.

Mayor Wescott mentioned Tim Lawrence’s Bluegrass Band would like to play if possible.

Beard Competition

The contest has been limited to the first 100 contestants.

The first judging will be on July 28th at 7:00pm

The final judging will be on Sunday July 30th at 1:00pm

There will be trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place

The contest is open to any residents of Illinois

#rockfalls150th is the hashtag to be used

There will be 7 judges. 2 of them will be firemen because they can’t grow beards for their job.

Registration is open from April 1st to June 10th.

Sesquicentennial Program

Updates for all organizations are being requested. Items for the program should be emailed to cmselmi@gmail.com.

Parade

The route will be East 10th north to East 2nd Street, west on 2nd Street and South on 5th Avenue back to the beginning.

Craft Show

A Porta-potty will be provided with the rest of the activities.

The craft show would like to run an ad in the paper.

Removable paint will be used to mark the crafters booth areas.

There are currently 11 crafters registered, and 8 direct sales.

There is room for a total of 86 booths.

The show will be limited to 20 direct sales booths, located on the south side of the show.

6. Committee Member Items

The Firehouse Ministries Fire Museum will be open 10am - 2pm on Saturday.

Alderman Schuneman will work with Bryce at Mead's Bike Shop for the Family Ride on Sunday.

The Riverfront park construction will begin again on April 17th.

Larry McCormick is donating 150 trees to the City. 27 of them will be placed in the park.

The park benches for the park are in.

There will be a dedication to the park on July 26th, 2017.

With nothing else for the good of the committee, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 26th, 2017 at 6:00pm

Meeting adjourns at 7:20pm.