

JUBILEE DAYS FESTIVAL COMMISSION NOTES

October 5, 2015

(re-scheduled from September 28, 2015)

12:00 p.m.

Present: Rich Walker
Christine Wertman
Carla Villalobos
Les Martin
Diane Burkemper

Absent: Brent Paxton
Scott Murphy
John Lewis
Steve Dumyahn
Ann Ennesser
Cheri Neal
Craig Butkovic

A quorum was not present. No official action was taken.

Discussion only regarding 2015 parade observations as follows:

- Disliked/discontinue Circus Wagon, Bubble Car and Everybody's Favorite Tow Truck
- Large gap in the beginning of the parade between fire apparatus/motorcycles and American Legion flag bearers
- A lot of typical gaps in parade
- Last 10-15 entries (not listed on the program) were ignored as a large gap (about 10 minutes) preceded them. Spectators assumed the parade was over and left.
- Need committee members to serve as parade officials to notify parade units to step up the pace to avoid the gaps. Provide clothing identifying them as officials to lend authority.
- CTCA doctor called and didn't know how to enter the hospital. MRMC was to announce the parade access route to employees prior to the parade.
- It was noted that there was a smaller crowd on Sheridan Road than in past years and a larger crowd on 27th Street.
- Kiwanis members noted that they felt parade attendance was down (perhaps attending the Fox Lake police officer's funeral?)
- Fight at the end of the parade – caused units to be re-routed (need details from the Police Department)
- A narrowing of the parade route on 27th Street was noted due to the crowd moving in – perhaps due to no candy left so the crowd approaches the floats and walkers who then feel intimidated or threatened.
- Change the route or shorter the route ???

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting (wrap up meeting) will be held on October 26, 2015 at 12:00 noon.

There being no further business to come before the Commission at this time, those present disbursed at 12:40 p.m.

Diane Burkemper
Secretary/Treasurer