

City of Belle Isle, FL
Special Events Committee Meeting Minutes
Held in City Hall Chambers, 1600 Nela Avenue, Belle Isle, FL
Held the 3rd Wednesday of Every Month
Wednesday, October 20, 2021; 6:30 PM

Members Present	Members Absent
Holly Bobrowski Lora Brannan Betty Lynn DeJarnette Kathy McCoy Maggie Buedette	Mayor Nicholas Fouraker City Manager Bob Francis Craig Huff

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Holly at 6:40pm

Lynn made motion to approve September 30, 2021 minutes; Maggie agreed

Light the Way

December 8, 2021, 5:00-8:00pm

Changes made to events- train is booked for \$550 instead of \$800; skating rink came in at \$6400.00 instead of \$7000.00; 1 slide booked for \$3400.00; 1 elf

Food trucks- we need to find 2-3 more trucks so Maggie will reach out to food trucks; there will be a \$50.00 vendor fee; Dixie Fried Chicken has not responded, yet

VIP tent- this will be a 10x20 tent; one end will be for a free drink and the other side will be VIP for patrons who bought a \$25.00 wrist band; VIP bands will be gold and non-VIP will be red; the VIP section will offer packaged snacks; Kathy will take care of beer and wine tent

Entertainment- we need someone to help MC the event; we also need an additional conductor to help with safety while children are on the train

Shuttle- looking for courtesy van(s) / plan for shuttling people to and from event

Auction- to begin the middle of November and run to December 8th; looking for donations that include but are not limited to giftcards to spas, salons, restaurants, events and items that can be auctioned; proceeds will help fund future Special Events for the community

The Special Events Committee feels strongly about advertising the Light the Way as a community celebration not solely a Christmas celebration; we look forward to coming together for an evening of unity

We are asking the community to write a theme or draw a picture about how families celebrate the holidays. The writing and/or art pieces will be displayed for a gallery walk; Yoldanda will include this request in the Belle Isle Bulletin; Lynn will read and approve the entries; entries due December 1st

Santa Ride

December 21st & 22nd

Santa will make 3 stops at certain, predetermined spots in community with a slow roll

Future Events

Tree Board and Special Events committee planning a Spring Fling in April; this will be an education event for the community; it will include bounces house(s) for children

Adjournment

Next meeting will be November 17, 2021 at 6:00pm. There being no further business, Chairman Bobrowski called for a motion to adjourn, unanimously approved at 7:44PM.

Lora Brannan

Special Events Secretary