

CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
MUSICAL FOUNTAIN COMMITTEE
REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021 AT 6:00 PM
AT THE R.V. TERRILL BUILDING
1120 JACKSON STREET, GRAND HAVEN, MI 49417

MINUTES

Call to Order/Roll Call

Present: Nicki Bonczyk, Andy Cawthon, Stancie McClellan, Terry Stevens, Ryan Strayhorn, Todd Brand-City Liaison. The Mayor and City Manager also attended part of the session.

Absent: Jamie Cooper, Kevin Waters

Approval of the minutes of March 9, 2021

Motion: Andy Seconded: Ryan Carried unanimously

Tabled Business – None

New Business

Working Group Reports

1. **Maintenance**-Todd reported that he is waiting for the Board of Light and Power to see why the fuse blew when power was turned on at the Fountain. There was discussion about the cause for the blown fuse. Terry said the switch to the pumps and motors should be turned off so they would not be the cause. Todd will check the switch to help isolate the cause. It was recommended to check with North Shore Marina to see if they had experienced any problems. With no power the motors cannot be tested to determine if they will require rewinding. This could set back the ability to run the fountain for weeks.

Ryan requested a directive from the Mayor for permission to proceed with Fountain shows. The Mayor stated Council has approved gatherings at Lynn Sherwood Stadium up to 1,000 persons. This

count does not include people downtown, on the boardwalk or on the grass outside the stadium. He suggested the schedule might begin with weekday shows only. Traditionally the Fountain does test runs on weekends only prior to Memorial Day. According to the Mayor, City Council does not dictate whether the fountain can open or not on a regular basis since it is not a special event. It was suggested the decision would be made by city employees involved i.e. Todd, Derrick and the City Manager.

The next topic of discussion was the Wave Re-wire Work Day scheduled for Saturday, April 17. Terry is expecting about a dozen volunteers. A list of tools needed has been sent to Todd. Terry asked if the junction boxes from the Nativity Scene could be removed. He said he would test the boxes to be sure they were not live and would look at the breakers. Todd will get an answer today regarding the junction boxes. Terry also asked if the volunteers could remove some brush or if the city would remove them.

Additionally, repairing the whole in the back pipe was discussed and attention to the "wash out". Todd will take care of these two items.

2. **Production**-Todd requested the Create a Song feature be removed from the website. Please refer to Todd's email 3/26/21 "Update from last night's HRC meeting". This email recommends a suspension of song requests until a new procedure is in place.

There was discussion about safe guards in the current policy which has two levels. First lyrics are reviewed for appropriateness and then a programmer makes recommendation regarding how it will appear on the fountain.

A motion was made by Andy to retain the process as it stands now and is publicized. Terry seconded and approval was unanimous.

3. **Marketing**-There was discussion about the GVSU survey about the economic influence of the Fountain attendees. Andy asked if a survey of downtown merchants might yield valuable economic impact data. Survey sponsorship was considered and its distribution. It could be easily distributed by committee members or the stadium side personnel.
4. **Task Force**- Terry urged members to continue to update the volunteer spreadsheet. He noted what a first class group of volunteers he expects Saturday, 4/17.
5. **Finance**-Andy received an accounting of funds from the Amy Bessinger, Finance Director/Treasurer for the City of Grand Haven. These numbers were shared with committee members by email. Kevin continues to pull together a financial picture for the committee.

General Business

Todd told the committee the old speakers are in storage and asked if they could be put up for auction. Ryan said they are of no use to the fountain. Todd will handle getting rid of them.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Andy, seconded by Ryan to adjourn. On call of roll, there being none opposed the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM

Next meeting: Tuesday May 11, 2021, 6:00 PM at the R.V. Terrill Building.