



Labor Day Parade Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2024

Board Members present: David Diaz, Kathy Garrison, Art Milton, Bill Sowards, Edna Sowards, KJ Whitley, Mary Chappell

Board Members absent: Vicki Hess, Grace Shirk

City Staff present: Dan Gleason

The sixth meeting to discuss the **40th** annual Rock Island Labor Day parade was called to order at 11:59 am. The meeting was held in the conference room at the Rock Island Fitness and Activity Center or RIFAC.

I. Introductions

2. Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

3. Approval of the February 12, 2024, Minutes

A motion was made by A. Milton and seconded by D. Diaz to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

4. Treasurer's Report

D. Gleason confirmed that the 2023 sponsorship funds from Wheelan-Pressly Funeral home were received. No other items to report.

5. Planning #40 Parade

K. Whitley referenced the new logo ideas from the RIHS students sent in advance of the meeting. Board members discussed each drawing and provided comments. Selection was reduced to two options. K. Whitley will pass changes along to teacher. It was noted that the winner of the logo contest would ride in the parade.

M. Chappell reviewed the annual promotional schedule found on the back of the agenda. M. Chappell shared the following items regarding the ILLINI Band: Once the promotional information is received from ILLINI Band director, an official announcement would be made by Mayor Thoms and added to all promotional materials. RIHS Director Carlin confirmed the post parade meal has been arranged by the band parents. M. Thoms has had some success in securing donations. The Illini Band will utilize all of 34th St. for staging.

6. Committee Membership and Volunteers

M. Chappell reminded members of the need to secure more volunteers for parade day – noting that a few sections need a key manager.

7. Misc. Items of Concern

No items were presented.

8. Public Comments

No one from the public was present at the meeting.

9. Adjournment

With nothing further to discuss, a motion was made by B. Sowards and seconded by D. Diaz to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting ended at 12:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Chappell