

Present: President Woodrow; President Pro-Tem Koss; Members: Berndt, Oen, Peddie and Pfeifer

Absent: Stearn

Also Present: Manager, Spallasso
Assistant Manager/Clerk, Marshall

President Woodrow called the special Council meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. in the Village of Beverly Hills municipal building at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road. The purpose of this meeting is for Council to meet jointly with the 50th Anniversary Committee to review the progress made on plans for the June 14, 2008 celebration.

A sponsorship program was developed that lists the levels of contribution towards the anniversary celebration and the benefits offered for each level. The Gold and Silver sponsor levels allows the donor to place an advertisement in the 2009 Village calendar. Committee co-chair Rita Battocletti stated that the committee needs Council permission to offer these sponsorship benefits. She noted giving contributors an ad in the Village calendar would provide a data base for future advertisers.

Woodrow suggested that those giving larger sponsorships be offered a reserved space in the park along the fence where they could set up a table or tent to distribute material on June 14. Community based organizations could be offered an 8' x 10' space in return for their assistance with the event. There was further discussion to work out the details. The deadline for contributors for publication purposes will be May 23.

Mary Jane Valanty representing the Beverly Hills Garden Club stated that their organization will be able to donate \$100.

Motion by Berndt, second by Koss to approve the sponsorship benefit offered to contributors to the Village's 50th Anniversary celebration in terms of an advertisement in the 2009 Village Calendar.

Motion passed (6 – 0).

Woodrow stated that he received a communication from resident Ingrid Haddock indicating that elementary schools in the Village have used a company called "Chris Cakes of Michigan" for pancake breakfasts and fund raisers. They do a great job and supply everything including the labor. It was estimated that the cost to provide pancakes to 300 people would be \$900. Marshall affirmed that the cost is reasonable based on comparisons. Reports from Ms. Haddock were that Chris Cakes puts on quite a show and that the parents and kids love it.

Council would have to authorize the use of this business for the pancake breakfast. It was noted this company has additional menus that could be used later in the day if necessary.

Peddie stated that she talked to Parks and Recreation Board chair Jim O'Reilly about this because the Board members had offered their services to prepare the pancake breakfast. O'Reilly thought that there were other things that the Board members could do to assist with the event.

Motion by Koss, second by Oen, to authorize administration to enter into a contract with Chris Cakes of Michigan to supply the Pancake Breakfast for the June 14, 2008 50th Anniversary celebration in Beverly Park at a cost of approximately \$1,000.

Battocletti stated that the committee has been in contact with a group that is interested in sponsoring the pancake breakfast.

Motion passed (6 – 0).

More discussion on the pancake breakfast included method of payment, the Village's responsibilities, clean up, and the scheduled activities. The Public Safety chaplain will say grace before the breakfast. Invitations have been extended to a number of dignitaries who will talk for a couple of minutes about the Village. Bloomfield Community Television will provide video coverage of the day's events and will be recording interaction between entertainers and villagers as well as videotaping brief interviews with former Village officials and board members. These officials will be acknowledged that day by a boutonniere and a ribbon. There will be a ceremony for the sealing of the time capsule. Music and entertainment is being planned for the children. The group will disburse about noon.

It was suggested that a donation box could be set out in the park for those who wanted to contribute to the event.

Koss reported on the contacts she has made since the last meeting. She talked to the Beverly Hills Club about sponsoring a movie in the park. Brady's will donate burgers and hot dogs for the dinner. She contacted a disk jockey who lives in the Village who will spin 50 years worth of music. Both Premier Pet and the Metro PCS phone store agreed to some type of contribution towards the event. Market Fresh has offered to make a 50th Anniversary Cake and provide fruit and possibly a contribution. Koss contacted Sue's Hallmark at The Corners Shopping Center about a donation. She informed the group that these businesses are waiting to hear whether the Village would like a monetary donation or a specific item.

Koss mentioned that the movie would not start until nightfall, which would be about 10 pm in June. She was attempting to come up with an activity that would fill the time and recalled that Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church held a casino night. They may be willing to put a casino tent in the park with the proceeds going to the church. Another group is also interested in holding a bingo or Texas Holdem game night to raise money for their 3-day breast cancer walk. There was some support for the idea if the group sponsoring the games provided the tent and equipment. Others did not think that casino games would present the image of a family fun day.

The show mobile has been reserved and will be delivered at 5 p.m. The Sun Messengers and two other bands were contacted but were not available. Koss tentatively booked a local DJ to play music during the 6-9 pm time frame. There was a consensus of Council to proceed with the DJ.

Further discussion took place on whether or not to contact an organization to set up a casino tent during the 5-9 pm time period. Those who did not support the casino idea were amenable to Bingo games. It was pointed out that there was time to fill with activities between 5 pm and nightfall. The suggestion was made that Bingo or other games could begin in the afternoon if there is no sponsor for the movie. There was agreement to authorize Koss to talk to people at Queen of Martyrs and those raising money for a 3-Day Cancer Walk about organizing casino games in the park and to bring the information back to the committee.

A resident mentioned that there is an opportunity from 1 to 5 pm for an interested group who wants to take ownership of a period of time during those hours. Battocletti is seeking individuals through Dream Cruise groups who have cars from the 1950 era. She is looking to bring those vintage cars to the park in the afternoon for display.

There was further conversation about providing activities throughout the day. It is anticipated that Brady's will come into the park to provide dinner. There may be Bingo or other card games in the late afternoon or early evening. The DJ will be providing entertainment in the evening. Beverly Hills Club has not committed to funding a movie, and there was a concern that a movie would begin too late for children by the time it's dark. Koss agreed to go back to the Beverly Hills Club and ask them about providing activities between 1 and 4 pm. Maybe Premier Pets can do something in that time slot. Council was in agreement with that plan.

The 50th Anniversary Celebration will be going on in the park from 9 am until approximately 9 pm. The next Villager Newsletter will publicize the event and outline some of the activities planned. There are still details to be worked out in terms of the afternoon and evening activities. The article will advise residents to check the Beverly Hills website for further details.

Council and committee members coordinated their efforts in terms of who they were going to contact for volunteers from schools and community service groups. Koss stated that she will contact the Townsend Hotel, Lincoln Hills Golf Course, and ABC Warehouse and request a donation of a prize for a dance contest and/or raffle.

Selling raffle tickets was a suggestion that was discussed. Raffle tickets could be sold in advance with a drawing the night of the celebration. A 50/50 raffle was also suggested to take place during the pancake breakfast. Lions Club members could be asked to handle the 50/50 raffle. Money collected will go towards offsetting 50th Anniversary celebration expenses.

Battocletti stated that contact was made with the Birmingham/Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce. The Committee has a roster of names and contacts, some of whom can be approached to donate a prize for the raffle.

Motion by Koss, second by Peddie, to authorize the 50th Anniversary Committee to apply for a license to hold a raffle.

Motion passed (6 – 0).

Another meeting of the 50th Anniversary Committee with Council may be scheduled in the next couple of weeks based on the progress made.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Hugh Woodrow
Council President

Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk

Susan Bernard
Recording Secretary