

Special Events Commission Minutes

May 14, 2025

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order on at 7:04 p.m. and was called to order by Special Events Commission Chair, Brad Katz.

Roll Call of Members

- Present: Cari Boyle, Brad Katz, Laurie Mitchell, Kevin Seifert, Tripp Turchik, Kelly Barash, Steve Fromm,
- Absent: Jennifer Eichorn, Matt Fink, Michelle Harris, Keri Stanley, Diane Jamieson, Colleen Gaughan
- Also Present: Staff Liaison, Kailey Schwartzhoff

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Laurie Mitchell for the approval of minutes from April 9, 2025, with a second from Kevin Seifert. All members were in favor and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Hearts of Gold 2026

The Commission discussed the Hearts of Gold event that will take place tentatively on Sunday, February 22, 2026. Looking to switch locations, and have already visited multiple places in town to see what each offer.

Swing into Spring 2025

There was a great turnout for the Swing into Spring event that was held on Saturday, May 10. We had perfect weather and staff received great feedback from attendees. There was discussion about the swing attraction that didn't work due to a mechanical issue that couldn't be fixed by the company, but was noted that with all the other activities offered families seemed to be enjoying the bubbles, inflatables, and flower craft.

Autumn Harvest

Scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 11th, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at North School Park. Staff discussed who would co-chair the event, be in charge of scarecrows and prizes, order tables and chairs, and oversee the craft activities. Entertainment for the event will feature performances by the Vibe Dancers, School of Rock, and the South Middle School band. Confirmed food vendors include Kettle Corn, Kori's Koop, and Garibaldi's. There was discussion on when welcome remarks should be made moving forward, whether it's before VIBE or after VIBE to reach the largest crowd.

NEW BUSINESS

Tree Lighting 2025

The Commission began discussions for Tree Lighting 2025, scheduled for Friday, Nov. 28th, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Staff has confirmed that the trolleys and the accessible bus are both

booked and confirmed for this event. Staff will reach out to vendors and discuss more at the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

There will be no meeting on June 11 or July 9, 2025

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:41 p.m. by Kelly Barash with a second from Tripp Turchick. The motion unanimously passed.