

Bloomington Economic Development Commission (EDC) Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 5/25/2023

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Zoom/Council Chambers

Present:

- John Graziano
- Theresa Merino
- Michele Reynolds
- Liz Weinberg
- Leanne Scaturro
- Lisa Bendel
- Nadia Hussain

Absent:

- Elisa Kolenut
- Jennifer Ellis

Meeting Discussion:

- April 2023 minutes approved
- Treasurer Report
 - Michele Reynolds to send Elisa Kolenut the invoice for Celebration Day petting zoo
 - Commission discussing the budget for 2024 – since the commission has taken on Celebration Day as an added expense, the commission has not received an increase in budget to support new event attractions
- Bloomingdale Tradespeople List
 - Tradespeople form isn't gaining as much traction as commission would have hoped for.
 - Commission members will share from their own pages, sharing with tradespeople they know and will continue to share on What's Happening Bloomingdale
- Bloomingdale Celebration Day Planning – Sept. 23, 2023
 - Michele Reynolds to send final invoice to Elisa Kolenut for petting zoo
 - 68 confirmed vendors so far between crafts/goods and food
 - Theresa Merino is finalizing health dept. paperwork for food vendors
 - Michele Reynolds to reach out to Tom Riley to see if there are coloring pages/book similar to the Butler Museums' to be handed out at Celebration Day

- Cookies with Cops/Community Leaders
 - Tentative date of August 13, 2023
 - Melanie from Magpie Bakery will host the event
 - Bloomingdale PD & FD Chiefs have confirmed participation for the event

- New Initiatives
 - Posting on What's Happening Bloomingdale the open business spaces for rent to attract new business
 - Historical Scavenger Hunt to include Tom Riley & Main Street businesses

- Ribbon Cuttings
 - Nothing currently pending