City of Derby - Cultural Commission

Minutes of July 22, 2019

Dani Soto called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: Rosalie Cota, Richard DiCarlo, China Mayhew, Sarah Miller, Dani Soto, Lisa Brailey, Susan Schroeder

Members absent: 0

Members from the public present: 2

Old Business: General assessment of Summer Fest was discussed:

-Maybe next year food trucks can all be designated to a certain area and not scattered.

-Maybe next year add a line to vendor applications so vendors can specify if they have any physical limitations (not able to be on a hill, ect).

-Vendors encountered some issues with dog feces on the ground. Perhaps next year, ground cleanup can happen earlier in the morning before vendors start setting up.

-Susan proposed and will create a blast email to send out to vendors to garner feedback from them.

New Business: Discussion of the DCC's presence at the next Alderman meeting:

-Rosalie and Susan have confirmed that they will attend the Alderman meeting on 8/8. They will present the report of Summer Fest, authored by Rich. They will inquire about the proposed budget cut to the DCC at this 8/8 meeting.

-Lisa and Susan proposed setting up a DCC table at the Tuesday concert series on the Derby Green.

-Lisa will work on revamping the DCC site on the town hall webpage.

-China will add images from the scavenger hunt picture quiz to the DCC Pinterest page (quiz will end on 8/31).

Public Portion:

-A member from the public was invited to speak. She came to support Susan's past suggestion for a "Cultural Pride Day" in Derby. It was proposed that this can be advertised at the Shelton/Derby Memorial Day Parade in 2020, and then possibly an area can be designated at the next Summerfest to represent different cultures. Future discussion was agreed upon.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,