

**Special Events Committee
November 7, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Guy Stacy and the secretary called the roll.

Present: Guy Stacy and Maria Radosta

Absent: Chris Freret, Lt. Gerald Sticker and Fire Chief Rick Tassin

Ms. Radosta moved to adopt the minutes of October 10, 2013, as amended, seconded by Mr. Stacy, and was unanimously approved.

The first case discussed was the **Krewe of Eve**. Mr. Stacy explained that last year the board had requested both the Krewe of Eve and the Krewe of Orpheus attend the meeting to discuss parade items that were against the ordinance. Several riders on both krewes had been riding without wearing their masks, and Orpheus did not parade with enough floats. The ordinance requires that the parade confirm the number of riders and line up several weeks before the parade.

In the past, the board has required a letter from the shopping center of no objection since the parking lot was used for the lineup of several floats. The board had some concerns about how the highway expansion would affect the parade. It was requested to email the question to Ms. Dobson.

Ms. Radosta asked why the parade krewes were not reimbursing the City for any of the expenses. Mr. Stacy said this was an economic revenue for the businesses and a community event.

Ms. Radosta moved to recommend approval of the application with receipt of a certificate of insurance, letter from the shopping center and parade lineup, seconded by Mr. Stacy and was unanimously approved.

The next case discussed was the **Krewe of Orpheus**. Ms. Spranley stated that Brett Lowe had resigned as the Captain of Orpheus, but prior to his resignation the board had decided that Orpheus would not parade in 2014. Since Mr. Lowe had resigned as Captain, Ms. Spranley had contacted Otto Mehrgut, board member, to confirm that Orpheus would not parade. He provided the verbal confirmation on November 5th. It had been his intent to become Captain, but had decided that would not be possible. Mr. Stacy requested that the confirmation be received in writing for the file.

Ms. Radosta moved to remove the application from the agenda for consideration based on the information provided that Orpheus would not parade in 2014 and requested a written confirmation be received for the file, seconded by Mr. Stacy and was unanimously approved.

The last application discussed was the **Donz to Ruby's parade**. Mr. Stacy said this was not a conventional parade. There were no floats and did not follow the approved parade route. In the afternoon, people would get in their cars, motorcycles or bikes and move from Donz to Ruby's for a barbecue.

Ms. Radosta moved to deny the application based on the reasoning that this was not the traditional parade route and did not have the required number of floats, seconded by Mr. Stacy and was unanimously approved

Ms. Radosta moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Stacy and was unanimously approved.

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Lori Spranley, Planning Secretary