

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
October 15, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Members present: Ann Wild (chair) Tom Brault, Rose Edwards, Rose Miller, Kathy Simonetti, Kathy Strom (Town Council liaison), Julie Stanish and Cathy Wolf.

The chair announced the appointment of Cathy Wolf as Events Coordinator, a new position. Cathy will serve as the point of contact for events as they are being planned and will look ahead to events coming up.

The chair also announced that three issues before the committee, Aging in Place, the revamping of The Forecast and the review of the website, are being delayed until November.

And the chair introduced Julie Stanish to the group.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved.

The committee looked over listings, prepared by Monica Medina and by Belinda Wilborn of the Town Office, of committee-sponsored events from 2006 to 2008. Members agreed that 2008-2009 events should include the open house for new residents (happened in September); the Oktoberfest, scheduled for Oct. 18; the Halloween party; a choral group concert in December; a discussion with Charlie Cook whenever he is available; the chili dinner; the tree walk; the garden tour and the Fourth of July celebration. Members also expressed support for a wine-tasting event.

Cathy Wolf agreed to help Belinda coordinate the Charlie Cook event.

Tom Brault, Julie Stanish and Kathy Strom agreed to help serve beer at the Oktoberfest celebration, while Cathy Wolf said she would find appropriate music.

The committee picked Sunday, Nov. 23, as the date for an event to honor Mier Wolf. Town residents will be invited to walk from Lynn Street to Elm Street on the trail at 1 p.m. and then return to the Leland Center for cake and beverages and a ceremony. There also will be a book in the Town Office for residents to write Messages to Mier. Kathy Strom will ask Pat Burda to contribute her committee's expertise on the trail walk, and Rose Miller will coordinate with a volunteer from Pat's committee, if available, to carry out the recommendations of that committee.

Kathy Simonetti and Cathy Wolf agreed to work together on a project to get clothes and other gifts to children in need at during the holidays. Cathy will provide the names of families and children in time for the project to start at the Nov. 13 mid-year meeting, and Kathy will help set up the decorations to hold the names for gifts. Town residents will

also be able to participate in this event at the Mier Wolf event and at the choral group concert and also by dropping by the Town Office to pick up a name.

Kathy Strom said the choral group, directed by Town resident Bob Johnson, will perform classical and holiday music on Sunday, Dec. 7.

Ann Wild agreed to revise the proposal for use of the Town Crier to make clear that the Town will publicize crimes reported to the Town by the police and by residents who have already alerted the police. A few other minor changes were also incorporated. The committee voted unanimously in favor of the Proposed Policy for Use of the Town Crier, to include the changes as discussed, and Kathy Strom will pass it on to the Town Council for its consideration.

The committee decided against acting now on a proposal by Rose Miller for the Town to be pre-approved to grant community service credits to B-CC students. While members welcomed the idea, they thought it would, at present, involve too much work for the Town staff.

Members supported the idea of inviting a specialist in financial markets regulation to speak to Town residents.

Rose Miller said she would arrange or provide rides to the polls on Election Day for residents who need them. Ann Wild agreed to publicize this service on Town Neighbors. It will also appear in the Nov. Forecast and, possibly, on Town Crier.

Members were favorably disposed toward two new events suggested by Cathy Wolf: a progressive dinner to honor the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first house in the Town and a tool swap.

Members agreed to start future meetings at 7 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rose Edwards