

Forest Heights Homeowner's Association  
Community Activities Committee Minutes  
February 18, 2009 Special Meeting

Last regular meeting held 2/9/09

Present: Chris Cohen, Cindi Fooshe, Krystle Nguyen, Jayne Calkins, Patrick Moore, Michelle McGillivray and Western Display Fireworks Marketing Director Norm Rose

FOURTH OF JULY

Norm Rose presented our committee with information regarding his company and products and procedures in order to answer our 4<sup>th</sup> of July questions.

- Fireworks made in America to exacting specifications and will only travel 200 feet high max. Rain ok, extreme wind (15mph+) would cause cancellation. Permit window is 7 days. We could reschedule for the following day or July 11<sup>th</sup>. The show would be "aggressive" meaning no black sky. Western Display produces a large percentage of all fireworks shows in the western USA.
- We would need to place signage around the area notifying residents of the show and block off (rope off) the area around the set-off site the morning of the show.
- Cost would be \$15,000 for a 15-18 minute show which will knock our socks off.
- Advantages:
  1. Provides safe entertainment by keeping neighborhood firework lighting to a minimum.
  2. Eliminates the long lines at the picnic immediately following the parade.
  3. Keeps the event fresh and exciting by making changes periodically.
- Budget:

\$1,000	500 person dance floor
\$ 750	DJ
\$1,000	Schwan's ice cream
\$13,000	Dessert bar, sheet cakes, pies
\$15,000	fireworks
\$3,000	beer, wine, coffee, soda, water
<u>\$ 2,500</u>	lighting and misc.
\$36,250	Total (Budget for 2009 = \$37,000)

- Norm also gave us many ideas from the Oak Hills neighborhood 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration, which has a 30 year history. The Oak Hills neighborhood volunteers plan events from sun-up to sun-down every 4<sup>th</sup> beginning with an 8am Fun Run and pancake breakfast, 10 am parade, awards ceremony and brisket barbecue at noon, swimming at community rec center, sock hop at tennis courts, music piped in some years. They have an Oregon National Guard fly-by. They have 4 entrances into the neighborhood and they ask \$5 per person for the fireworks show. They advertise bring your own flashlight, blanket and/or chair. They rent a huge flood light and a generator from United Rental. Their road closure permit is \$200.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at the FHHOA office at noon.