



Community Engagement Committee Minutes
Monday, 07 July 2025 – 6:00 PM • Council Chambers

Date Issued: 07 July 2025

Item	Presented by:	Report
Roll Call for Quorum		<p>The Village of Golf Manor Community Engagement Committee convened a regular, in-person meeting on Monday, 07 July 2025 at 6:00pm with Chair Melody N. Mayle presiding.</p> <p>Roll call of Committee Members Mx. Mayle, Chair: Present Ms. Chesser: Present Dr. Fischer: Present Ms. Thomas: Absent Mr. Thompson: Absent</p> <p>Motion to excuse Ms. Thomas by Mx. Mayle. Second by Dr. Fischer. All voted in favor.</p>
Set and Adopt Agenda		<p>Motion to set and adopt agenda First: Dr. Fischer. Second: Ms. Chesser. Without objection, all unanimous.</p>
Persons Registered to Address the Committee	None.	
Minutes to be Approved		<p>Motion to approve minutes from previous meeting on Monday, 09 June 2025 First: Ms. Chesser. Second: Dr. Fischer. Without objection, all unanimous.</p>
Reports		
Chair Report	Mx. Mayle	<p>See “Juneteenth Vendor Event” and “Fourth of July Parade + Picnic” presented by Mx. Mayle.</p> <p>See “Little Free Pantries” presented by Ms. Chesser.</p>

		See “Redesign and/or Redevelop Village website” presented by Dr. Fischer.
WeTHRIVE! Report	Ms. Chesser	The Chronic Disease Self-Management classes start this week. They are scheduled for July 10 through August 14 on Thursdays from 5:30pm to 8pm. Classes are <u>free</u> . For every individual who completes a series of classes, the Recreation Commission receives \$50. Register for the classes on the Village website.
Discussion		
Old Business	Ms. Chesser	<p><u>Little Free Pantries.</u></p> <p>Council approved the legislation for our Little Free Pantries during the May full Council meeting. Subsequently, we applied for the Hamilton County Public Health Chronic Disease Prevention Mini-Grant to fund the pantries, as encouraged by WeTHRIVE! and REACH. Within the week, we received an official notice of award that we are conditionally funded. While we received the feedback that our application was strong, the amount of \$4,000 that we requested exceeds the maximum amount of \$1,000 they’re offering. Therefore, they requested that we revise our budget, clarify how many pantries we can build with the new budget, and confirm that we can spend the funds by August 1. We resubmitted our updated proposal, as requested. As soon as we sign the Memorandum of Understanding, we will receive \$600 of the \$1,000.</p> <p>We requested the help of a skilled carpenter to volunteer to build the pantry boxes and two responded!! We are currently requesting donations from three grocery stores to stock the pantries. Thank Ms. Pat Lalesnel for making these requests.</p>
	Ms. Thomas	<p><u>Labor Day Cookout Fall Concert.</u></p> <p>The Labor Day Cookout, originally scheduled for Monday, September 1, is cancelled. Instead, the fall concert featuring the 2nd Wind Band will return!! The concert is scheduled for Sunday, September 7. More details will be provided later.</p>
	Mx. Mayle	<p><u>Juneteenth Vendor Event.</u></p> <p>The Juneteenth celebration was on Friday, June 13, despite the heavy rain. However, the location was moved from Volunteer Park to across the street at the south parking lot of the Municipal Building. (This location may be preferable going forward.) Given the poor attendance due to the weather, we invited the registered vendors to return for our Fourth of July Parade + Picnic and Fall Concert. Six attended the Fourth of July event. Currently, eight are registered for the Fall Concert.</p> <p>For the Juneteenth event, we registered 30 vendors and collected payments from 25 of them. We sold 16 adult Juneteenth shirts, one (1) youth Juneteenth shirt, and four (4) adult PRIDE shirts. We sold 44 beer tickets (various pricing). We also received one (1) donation for \$10 and one (1) tip for \$1. Therefore, we have raised \$1,306, minus fees or \$1,258.18. A full budget, including expenses from various funds, will be shared with the Recreation Commission during their meeting next Monday, July 14 at 6pm.</p>

	<p>Mx. Mayle</p> <p>Dr. Fischer</p>	<p>Thank Ms. Gwen and Ms. Phyllis for helping with set-up and clean-up; Keevan Thompson for delivering food and water; Allen LaFollette and Ms. Elaine for delivering 400-lb of ice; Brittney Kreimer for selling beer tickets and t-shirts; Eric Palmer of Nine Giant for serving beer; RoSho for printing the Juneteenth and PRIDE t-shirts; Danny Kneipp and Erikka “DJ NnowName” Gray for providing sound and music; Ashley and Jason Snyder, Jim and Joanne Clark, and Yasemin Yasa and Kelly D. Pendergraft for donating items to the Recreation Commission; our 30 vendors for registering; any and all other volunteers; and of course, the residents for attending and supporting our vendors.</p> <p><u>Fourth of July Parade + Picnic.</u></p> <p>The Fourth of July Parade + Picnic was on Sunday, June 29, despite the light rain. Clydesdale horses walked in the parade!! They stayed during the picnic to meet the residents and be petted. (See photo below.)</p> <p>Thank Danny Kneipp for organizing such a fun event and inviting the Clydesdales; Capt. Reed for coordinating the parade; Ray Hedger for smoking the BBQ and helping with set-up and clean-up; Dana Moorwessel for also helping with set-up and clean-up; Meredith Amann for encouraging youth to participate in the parade and donating bike decorations; Zach Michelson for serving the Kosher food; Cincinnati Kosher for supervising the Kosher food; any and all other volunteers; and of course, the residents for attending.</p> <p><u>Redesign and/or redevelop Village website</u></p> <p>Earlier this year, the Village was billed for an annual maintenance fee by the developers of the Village app, seemingly unexpectedly. Supposedly, the previous Council, with the recommendation from the Administration, voted for the app with the understanding that the total cost was only the initial development fee, i.e. no annual maintenance fee thereafter. The current Finance Committee asked that the Administration request that the developers of the app waive their annual maintenance fee for one year while we decide if we want to keep the app. The developers declined our request. Therefore, we are no longer funding the Village app at this time.</p> <p>The priority of the Community Engagement Committee for the remainder of our term is to explore alternative options for Village communication and messaging. Thus, Dr. Minna has created a survey to inform how the Village can better communicate with residents and share important information. You can participate in the survey by clicking here.</p>
Announcements		<p>The next Community Engagement Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, 25 August 2025 at 6:00pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Fall Concert is scheduled for Sunday, September 7 at Volunteer Park.
Adjourn		<p>Motion to adjourn meeting</p> <p>First: Dr. Fischer</p> <p>Second: Ms. Chesser.</p> <p>Without objection, all unanimous.</p>

Approvals:

Submitted by Eric Pridonoff, Fiscal Officer

Date: _____

Approved and accepted by Community Engagement Committee, Melody Mayle, Chair

Date: _____

Received by Renee Elliott, Clerk

Date: _____

