



EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Irmo Municipal Building
7300 Woodrow Street, Irmo, SC 29063

June 11, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the Minutes
 - A. Approval of Minutes of May 14, 2026
- III. Old Business
 - A. July Fourth Laser Show Pre-Event Overview
- IV. New Business
 - A. Resignation and Recognition of Marie Ryan
 - B. Review of Open Committee Role and Appointment Process
- V. Presentation by Citizens
- VI. Adjournment

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In attendance:

George Frazier

Eric Swiger

Ashley Edmiston

Cynthia Giles

Gabriel Penfield

Jim Crosland

- **Approval of Minutes and Agenda Adjustment:** George called the May 14th, 2026 events committee meeting to order at 6pm and oversaw the successful motion to approve the minutes from the April 9th, 2026, meeting. The committee reached a consensus to defer the Boarder Skate Park Event report until the following meeting due to the absence of Marie, who is responsible for the report ([00:00:00](#)).
- **Fourth of July Laser Show Overview:** The committee reviewed planning for the Fourth of July laser show, confirming that the event is scheduled to take place on July 4th with activities starting at 7:00 PM and the laser show expected to commence after dark, likely between 9:00 PM and 10:00 PM ([00:01:55](#)).
- **Fourth of July Catering - Proposal and Costs:** Cynthia Giles presented a proposal from Brian Cox of Cox Family Barbecue, who offered to manage food services for the event ([00:01:55](#)). The total cost provided by Brian Cox for food supplies—including 1,500 all-beef hot dogs, 1,536 buns, foil, and condiments—is \$1,536.12. Brian Cox indicated that they would donate their time for cooking and labor, provided the town covers the cost of the food products ([00:03:15](#)) ([00:07:20](#)).
- **Fourth of July Catering - Condiments and Service Logistics:** The committee discussed the logistical preference for serving condiments, expressing concerns that individual packets of ketchup, mustard, and relish would create excessive litter in the amphitheater. It was suggested that utilizing bulk dispensers would be more efficient and cleaner, and the committee considered requesting that Brian Cox utilize bulk supplies rather than the packets initially proposed in the quote ([00:07:20](#)).

- **Fourth of July Catering - Decision:** Following the discussion on food and service logistics, the committee voted to formally approve the quote from Cox Family Barbecue to provide catering for the Fourth of July event ([00:10:28](#)).
- **Silent Disco - Planning and Equipment:** The committee discussed bringing back the silent disco event, noting that the last iteration occurred on July 8th, 2023. Ashley reported that the local library manager indicated the state library possesses a set of silent disco equipment, although current availability and specific quantities remain unconfirmed ([00:12:16](#)).
- **Trunk or Treat - Operational Planning:** The committee discussed the growth of the Trunk or Treat event, noting that they needed to address how to handle candy procurement more efficiently. Jim suggested exploring options for purchasing candy directly from a distributor to ensure adequate supply, as the event continues to grow in attendance size annually. ([00:16:06](#)).
- **Silent Disco - Strategic Scheduling:** After considering the high temperatures in July, the committee discussed the timing of the silent disco, with members suggesting that holding the event in early autumn might be more comfortable for attendees ([00:14:57](#)). Prentiss proposed that the committee review the town event calendar to identify a date, such as April 3rd, 2027, which would provide adequate planning time and avoid conflicts with other major events like the Cherry Blossom Festival ([00:18:58](#)).
- **250th Anniversary - Golf Cart Parade:** Gabe revisited 4th of July, mentioned a request from the sheriff to include a golf cart parade in the 250th-anniversary celebration. The committee expressed reservations about this request, citing concerns regarding property insurance, the ability to maneuver trailers in the park, and restrictions on operating golf carts after dark ([00:24:11](#)).
- **Eating Contests:** The committee briefly discussed the annual Okra Strut eating contest and expressed hesitation regarding the potential introduction of new eating contests, noting the high level of participant intensity and administrative burden associated with such activities ([00:25:55](#)).
- **Trunk or Treat - Logistics and Participation:** The committee reaffirmed that Trunk or Treat is a self-run event and discussed the need to formalize the application process to better manage space requirements for participants. Cynthia Giles and Prentiss agreed to coordinate to review forms and potentially reorganize the layout of the event, ensuring that it remains an efficient, sponsored activity ([00:27:26](#)).

- **Presentation by Citizens - Artist Walk 2026:** Jamal Washington and Karen Joyner-Washington presented a proposal to the committee to host an "Artist Walk 2026" on September 12th, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Moore Park ([00:29:36](#)). They described the event as a free community gathering featuring painters, instrumentalists, vocalists, and poets, and they expressed interest in collaborating with the town for the venue ([00:31:18](#)).
- **Potential Performance Integration:** During the discussion with the representatives of the Artist Walk 2026, the committee inquired if their musical group would be interested in performing at the town's Trunk or Treat event to provide live entertainment ([00:35:41](#)). The presenters expressed interest in coordinating with the committee for future town events ([00:33:24](#)).
- **Fourth of July - Event Schedule and Heat Considerations:** The committee revisited the Fourth of July event, confirming the schedule will begin at 7:00 PM to mitigate heat concerns for attendees and staff, as an earlier opening time would prove physically demanding due to the South Carolina weather ([00:37:14](#)).
- **Fourth of July - Venue Layout and Entertainment:** The committee discussed the venue layout for the Fourth of July event, suggesting that they conduct a site walk to determine if they should split the entertainment between the shelter and the forested area of the park to maximize the impact of the laser show ([00:40:38](#)).
- **Fourth of July - Show Duration and Special Effects:** Regarding the laser show, the committee discussed the potential use of spark machines for the grand finale. After Cynthia Giles and the committee raised safety concerns regarding fire hazards and the accumulation of debris in the area, the committee decided to decline the request for the spark machines to ensure the event remains safe and clean ([00:42:47](#)).
- **Meeting Adjournment:** Having completed the agenda, the committee moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm.