

**INDEPENDENCE DAY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, May 22, 2025 – 7:00 PM  
College Room - Alexander Hughes Community Center

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Carson Elhai called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT** STACEY CAPONIGRO, KRISTA CARSON ELHAI, CHARLIE GALE,  
RANDY LOPEZ, CHRISTINE MOORE, BARBARA RUGELEY, JULIANNE  
SALTZER

**ABSENT** NONE

**ALSO PRESENT**

Nancy Brower, Community and Human Services Commission Liaison  
Melissa Vollaro, Recreation and Human Services Director  
Kelly Love, Recreation and Human Services Coordinator  
Amber Tudor, Program Coordinator

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CEREMONIAL MATTERS, PRESENTATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – NONE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Vice Chair Carson Elhai invited public comment.

There were no requests to speak.

Committee Member Gale arrived at 7:03 PM.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Vice Chair Elhai invited public comment on the Consent Calendar.

There were no requests to speak.

1. Independence Day Committee Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2025  
Approved and filed the Committee Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2025.

***Committee Member Rugeley moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded  
by Committee Member Moore, and carried on the following vote:***

**AYES:** Committee Member – Carson Elhai, Gale, Lopez, Moore,  
Rugeley, Saltzer  
**NOES:** Committee Member – None  
**ABSTENTION:** Committee Member – Caponigro

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS – NONE**

Chair Caponigro arrived at 7:06 PM.

## **REPORTS**

### ***Staff***

Melissa Vollaro, Recreation and Human Services Director, reported that the Summer Recreation Guide is out and it features 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Camp Claremont, Monday Night Concerts, Movies in the Park, and National Night Out. She also asked about returning Committee Members for 2025-26, as Committee Members Rugeley and Gale's terms are up. Committee Member Rugeley will not return, and Committee Member Gale would like to continue. Committee Member Lopez also stated he will be resigning.

Amber Tudor, Program Coordinator, reported on festival activities, parade entries, online fireworks ticket sales, and sent around a volunteer sign-up sheet. She also handed out committee t-shirts, early entry passes, and giveaways.

### ***Committee***

No reports.

### ***Liaison***

Commissioner Nancy Brower reported that the Commission met on May 7<sup>th</sup> and they heard reports on tree plantings/removals, sanitation fees, CBO policy updates, and a pilot multi-family bulky item pick-up.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Caponigro adjourned the meeting at 7:37 PM. The next regular meeting of the Independence Day Committee will be held on Thursday, July 24, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Alexander Hughes Community Center, 1700 Danbury Rd, Claremont.

ATTEST:



Stacey Caponigro  
Chair



Amber Tudor  
Recording Secretary