



# special events committee

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## CITY OF BELLE ISLE SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE POLICY

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**INTRODUCTION:** The purpose of this document is to establish a Special Events Committee to outline the procedures required to hold a City of Belle Isle sponsored festival or special event on City property and to insure the events are carried out in accordance with the provision in Chapter 26, Article II of the Belle Isle Municipal Code.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** The Special Events Committee is formed by the City Council under Section 2-54 of the Belle Isle Municipal Code. The Committee shall consist of a Chair, Vice-Chair, and 5 other members who will be appointed by the City Council. Members appointed by the Council may be at-large appointments. Members will serve three-year terms with the exception that the first appointments will be four 3-year terms and 3 2-year terms to provide for staggered terms and allow for continuity of membership.

**PURPOSE:** The Special Events Committee's purpose is to organize, plan and prepare for "special events" that the City can either host or attend. It should be emphasized that memberships on an Advisory Committee does not carry any administrative powers. The Advisory Committee cannot implement their recommendations without formal approval from the City Council. All expenditure of funds as well as legislative decisions are only made by the City Council (by motion or Resolution) prior to implementation.

### **SCOPE OF WORK:**

1. Solicit input from citizens regarding their wants and requirements for public events and assist the City Council in evaluating the public's expectations for City sponsored events and participation in other events in the City of Belle Isle.
2. Develop short and long term goals, objectives and projects
3. Identify sources of financing/grants that will aid in achieving goals/objectives
4. Work with other community members or committees in developing plans that will further enhance the quality of life.
5. Work in conjunction with the City Manager in budgeting costs associated with Special Events issues and proposed programs for the Belle Isle Community

6. Coordinate with City Manager for the provision of government services for special events
7. Explore opportunities to enhance community involvement and accomplish committee goals in the City of Belle Isle.
8. Develop resolutions or motions for presentation, and provide presentations on events to the City Council in Regular Council Meetings for approval and funding.
9. Provide information and photos of completed projects for the City website and local media.
10. Work with other appointed committees to provide/obtain information necessary to achieve goals.
11. Discuss any other topic that the committee would like to bring before the City Council.

**MEETING SCHEDULE:** The Special Events Committee will meet on at a place and time convenient for the Committee to establish a quorum and for the public to attend. The Special Events Committee meeting cannot conflict with other regularly scheduled City Committee meetings. At no time should a quorum of the City Council present at any committee meeting deliberate a matter that will come before the Council at a later date.

The Special Events Committee Meetings will be considered by the City Council as Open & Public Meetings. "Special Meetings" can be called by the Chair, under the same guidelines as the City Council. Notices for "Special Meetings" must be posted in the same manner as City Council Special Meetings.

If the regularly scheduled monthly committee meeting date falls on a recognized National holiday, the monthly meeting can be cancelled or re-scheduled by the Chair at his/her discretion. The Chair is responsible for communicating with committee members if there are any changes in the meeting schedule as well as with the City Clerk to ensure that the website calendar is updated and a Special Meetings Notice is adequately posted.

The Special Events Committee Chair will designate a recording secretary. In the recording secretary's absence, the Chair will appoint a temporary replacement. The Committee Chair will prepare a meeting agenda which will be presented at the beginning of each meeting.

Committee members will submit agenda topics to the Chair at least 1 week in advance of the monthly meeting. The Committee Chair will be responsible for forwarding a copy of the Final Meeting Agenda to the City Clerk prior to the scheduled committee meeting.

The Committee Chair (with assistance from the recording secretary) will be responsible for forwarding a copy of the “approved” meeting minutes to the City Clerk along with an agenda copy for the same meeting. Public Comment Forms are public record and must be submitted along with the approved committee meeting minutes.

**Meeting Structure:**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting
4. Public Comments
5. Presentations, guest speakers
6. Agenda Topic Discussions by Committee Members
7. Other business that might come before the meeting
9. Adjourn

**Project Request** – The Committee will request approval of events by submitting a report with a letter recommending the event to the City Council. When a project scope has been completed, a report and corresponding recommendation letter will be presented to the City Council for approval. The Chair of the Special Events Committee will be responsible for generating the report and recommendation letter (within a Committee Meeting) and scheduling it with the City Clerk to appear on the Regular Council Meeting agendas. The report will contain the following minimum information:

1. Name of Project
2. Purpose of Project
3. Specific project information
4. Estimated timeline: Start Date and Completion Date
5. Preliminary sketch of project - before/after
6. Photos of project site
7. Cost estimates for materials and labor
8. Estimate of number of volunteers needed (detailed)
9. Source of funding for project
10. Estimate of continued maintenance costs (yearly or monthly) and funding sources

**Committee Goal** - It is the goal of the Special Events Committee, as implemented through related adopted policies and procedures, to recognize the substantial community benefits that result from special events. These events provide cultural enrichment, promote economic vitality, enhance community identity and pride, and provide opportunities for fundraising for the community’s nonprofit agencies.