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RESOLUTION NO. 44-74

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULED PROGRAM OF EVENTS RECOMMENDED BY THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION OF MESQUITE BY WHICH THE CITY OF MESQUITE WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest of the City of Mesquite to establish a formal plan by which the City of Mesquite will participate in the national celebration of the 200th anniversary of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish a program for the celebration on the local level of the City of Mesquite, State of Texas.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the scheduled program of events compiled by the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission of Mesquite which is reflected in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, be and is hereby accepted by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas.

SECTION 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon the date of passage as the Charter in such cases provides.

DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on this the 16th day of December, A.D., 1974.


Bob Beard
Mayor


Norma G. McGaughy
City Secretary

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EXHIBIT "A"

SCHEDULED EVENTS FOR THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION IN MESQUITE, TEXAS

HERITAGE 76

1. American historical and western arts traveling display at Town East Shopping Center, Eastfield College, Big Town Shopping Center or any other appropriate place and other kinds of arts and crafts.
2. A crafts fair, eg., homemade quilts, weaving, needlework, etc.
3. U.S. historical flags display, probably in front of City Hall for the entire year of July 4, 1975 through July 4, 1976.
4. Possible reenactment of Sam Bass train robbery.
5. Possible reenactment of the 1776 Declaration of Independence as written and produced by Mesquite High School students or the production of the play "Spirit of '76" as part of the Mesquite Community Concert series.
6. Fiddler's contest, western bands contest, etc. All local talents will be invited to participate.
7. Designation of certain pioneer homes as historical sites.
8. A moving display of old documents, pictures and other family heirlooms in various places throughout the city. Possible sale of reproduction of old pictures taken here in Old Mesquite during the last century or early part of this century.

FESTIVAL U.S.A.

1975

- July 4th - Fireworks display either at Big Town, Eastfield College or Hanby Stadium.
- July 5th - Opening ceremonies at Mesquite Square by city mayor, city officials, other public officials including state and national, dedication of the United States flag on the Town Square - all day activity around the Town Square to include a Bicentennial parade beginning probably about 2:00 P.M. in which people will be invited to participate such as anybody owning old cars can drive them in the parade, any groups that want to march in the parade, or any groups wanting to ride horses, wagons, floats, etc.

Musical festival Saturday evening on Town Square to include the Fiddler's Contest and Western bands and any local talent that wants to perform. Sometime during the day or the evening a Miss Mesquite beauty pageant will be held, the winner is to reign from then until July 4, 1976.

1976

The City of Mesquite will join and coordinate activities with Eastfield College to celebrate the National Bicentennial. The college will host the citizens of Mesquite on the campus of Eastfield College. The college will furnish the location, labor (faculty and students), and some of the organizational expertise. The Physical Education, Recreation and Child Care Departments, will organize suitable games for adults and children. The Humanities Department will provide art exhibits, dramatic skits and music throughout the day. The Government Department will organize an old-fashion stump political speech program by local, state, or national candidates who are then up for election.

The Mesquite social, fraternal, civic, and other groups will be invited to set up booths on the campus to sell refreshments and handicrafts. A firework demonstration will be conducted under the auspices of the Mesquite Fire Department in the evening of July 4th.

It is envisioned that a real old-fashioned 4th of July celebration will occur where all of the citizens of the community can join in the formal fun to celebrate the 200th birthday of the United States.

HORIZON 76

1. Beautification of Mesquite's park areas, including the development of a newly donated park site and the planting of trees in existing parks and other city properties by citizens of Mesquite. Lambert Park near Eastfield College is presently being considered as the site.

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2. Erection and dedication of a flag pole with an American flag which has been flown over the United States Capitol in Washington. And a dedication plaque in commemoration of this event on the Old City Square in Mesquite.
3. Collection and preservation of pictures and documents of 20th Century man for depositing in time capsule which probably will be encased and buried in front of the City Hall and to be opened some 50 years from now.
4. Purchase of a transportation vehicle for senior citizens recreation center. In placing donation receptacles in shopping center throughout the year, inviting people to donate whatever they can for this worthwhile purpose.
5. A dedication plaque or other monument to military service men and women from Mesquite. This plaque or monument will be located in some suitable site in the City such as in front of City Hall or on the Town Square.