

RESOLUTION NO. 52-07-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING A CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE TO COMMEMORATE THE INCORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK IN 1923.

WHEREAS, the Town of Lake Park was incorporated in the year 1923; and

WHEREAS, Harry Seymour Kelsey of Boston, MA president of Waldorf Systems Inc, a national restaurant chain selling his interests in restaurants, bakeries and a farm for 3.5 million dollars; and

WHEREAS By 1919, Harry Kelsey accumulated over 100,000 acres calling on the Olmsted Brothers and Dr. John Nolan to plan and design the first municipally zoned community South of Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS, A complete town site conceived on 900 acres with an eighteen hole golf course and resort named Palm Harbor on Munyon Island was part of the Town; and

WHEREAS, A giant arch erected at the entrance to the Town on Dixie Highway saying “Welcome to Kelsey City Gateway to the World’s Winter Playground; and

WHEREAS, In 1920, Kelsey City attracted national attention as a revolutionary town commencing unusual activity and phenomenal growth, which continued through 1922 and 1923. In 1923 electric lights were installed along the streets and the city was incorporated; and

WHEREAS, To commemorate the incorporation of the Town, the Town Commission desires to establish a Centennial Committee to assist the Town in planning, organizing, fundraising and implementing a year-long celebration of the town’s incorporation, growth and accomplishments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK:

Section 1. The Town Commission shall appoint a Centennial Commemorative Committee to help in organizing, implementing and fostering celebrations throughout the year 2023.

Section 2. Such committee shall consist of residents, business owners, boards, committees

Section 3. Staff assigned to the Committee shall be the Special Events Department

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner Linden, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Flaherty and upon being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:


	AYE	NAY
MAYOR MICHAEL O'ROURKE	<u>/</u>	—
VICE-MAYOR KIMBERLY GLAS-CASTRO	<u>/</u>	—
COMMISSIONER ERIN FLAHERTY	<u>/</u>	—
COMMISSIONER JOHN LINDEN	<u>/</u>	—
COMMISSIONER ROGER MICHAUD	<u>Absent</u>	—

The Town Commission thereupon declared the foregoing Resolution 52-07-19 duly passed and adopted this 3 day of July, 2019.


TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA

BY: 
MICHAEL O'ROURKE
MAYOR

ATTEST:


VIVIAN MENDEZ
TOWN CLERK

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

BY: 
THOMAS J. BAIRD
TOWN ATTORNEY



Ideas for a 100-Year Town Anniversary Celebration

By Siva Stephens
eHow

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If planning a 100th birthday party for a human being is daunting, celebrating the Centennial of a whole town is an even more challenging task. City planners must find ways to honor the past, celebrate the present and dream about the future while drawing in community members of every age, creed and background. For maximum appeal, include a wide spectrum of citizens on the Centennial Planning Committee and host a city-wide brainstorming session.



Commission a piece of public art to commemorate your town's Centennial celebration. (Image: statue clo clo image by cris13 from Fotolia.com)

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Homecoming

If your city has a sports team – whether it's professional, intramural or strictly amateur – plan to turn one of their games into a city-wide homecoming celebration. Have a parade featuring the town's oldest and newest inhabitants as Grand Masters; encourage the school bands, the scouting troops and local celebrities to participate. Local businesses and organizations can enter floats that fit the parade's centennial theme. Advertise the game heavily, host a community bonfire and pep rally beforehand and a community homecoming dance afterward.

Public Art

Consign a local artist to create a piece of public art that will commemorate your town's centennial celebration for future generations. Ideas for such a piece include a mural showcasing the town's development from the first settlers to the present day, a statue of a town founder or a sculpture related to something for which the town is famous. Plan a well-publicized public unveiling.

Performances

Hold a contest for a local authors to write a play about the town's history, and arrange for the winner's play to be produced and performed during the centennial celebration. Have a competition to come up with a new city motto, song or a jingle for the Chamber of Commerce radio advertisements. Encourage local musical groups – from professional symphony orchestras to grade-school bands – to research what music was popular in your area 100 years ago and host a Battle of the Bands with local celebrity judges. Present the winners with a key to the city.

Scavenger Hunt

Have the local newspaper, television or radio station organize a city-wide scavenger hunt that will lead the participants through points of historical interest as well as local landmarks and businesses. Make the first successful scavenger honorary mayor for a day and award collectible commemorative coins to everyone who completes the hunt.