

Ridgefield Commemorates America at 250 (RCA250)
Minutes
May 6, 2026
Zoom Meeting

Meeting was called to Order at 8:01 a.m.

Attendees:

Pamme Jones (Co-Chair), Stephanie Heering (Co-Chair), Renee Brown-Cheng,
Dawn Fawcett, Sara Champion, Louzette Dovoros

Excused:

James Carone, Hildi Grob (ex-officio), Deborah Rundlett

Minutes of April 15 Meeting Approved

BUSINESS:

Financials:

Treasurer Jim Carone sent in report. No changes.

Events:

Memorial Day – May 25

- **Parade-** Stephanie confirms that we will have a 16 foot trailer. Pamme is organizing the design. Members of Committee will ride on the trailer. Dawn is talking to Jim to see if we can arrange fife and drum to ride with us. We will wear red, white and blue.
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- **Vintage Baseball Game-** 1:30 pm in Veteran's Park. Rotary is working on this. Two teams will be provided. We have been asked if we can arrange some locals to participate.

Star Spangled Soiree at Lounsbury House – July 3, 2026

Lounsbury House is co-promoting. Louzette reported that the trio is asking for a list of patriotic songs to play. We agreed that we would like "feel good American" songs, like "Born in the USA." We discussed dual use for our 3 dozen balloons. Dawn will pick up the balloons. They can be on the porch at Lounsbury for the Soiree, then used at the entrances of Ballard Park for July 4.

Party in the Park! At Ballard Park-July 4, 2026

Dawn is working on the procession from Town Hall to Ballard Park. Idea is to have this be a community procession of kids, families, etc. Group would assemble between 10:15- 10:30. Various organizations are helping us publicize, including the Boys and Girls Club. Dr Greenwood, of Ridgefield Public Schools will distribute flyers to school groups. Various

organizations have been lined up to appear in the Park. We have lined up some family-friendly activities, especially appealing for children, for the period between 11 and 1, including face-painting, glitter, a stilt-walker, etc.. Liz Ellis is letting us use her colorful cutouts. We discussed arranging for balloons attached to sign boards at entrances. They will need to have an “extra shot” so they will stay inflated. After pick up, they will need to be kept in a cool dark place. Pamme volunteered to arrange. It was confirmed that the only food for this event will be hot dogs at the entrance and ice cream. There will not be food trucks.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Champion
Secretary