From: LT Hager
To: Shane McFarland
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL]- Please support Pride
Date: Sunday, November 20, 2022 11:34:50 AM

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Thank you for your reply.

I agree that people should be free to discuss what they consider family-friendly and appropriate for their children and then attend events based on their beliefs. They can also leave these events if they disagree with the definition of family friendly they are presented with. They can also speak to their children about things they think they don't understand/are inappropriate. All part of every day parenting. We can also discuss these issues with event coordinators to prevent issues in the future without imperiling Pride/the people who attend.

However, I also see that the people responding so strongly to this and other drag shows, which I watched on video, are specifically targeting them and weaponizing care for children against LGBTQ people to prevent their freedom and safety, not truly out of concern for their children, which are not in danger or imperiled by seeing something that is the equivalent of many football half-time shows. I think this is evidenced by the recent bill in the legislature, TN SB 3, geared at criminalizing trans people under the guise of protecting children.

I don't see anyone protesting a school football cheerleading/artist performance for uniforms or dancing. Nor should we be. We should be teaching children to treat people with respect regardless of how they look and express themselves and not judge others or allow their mistreatment when they are not harming anyone.

Just last night, we've witnessed another hate crime against queer people in Colorado, quite possibly empowered by the increasing rhetoric of hatred disguised as public safety against queer people who are by far more often the target of violence and abuse, not the other way around.

I hope we can see these laws and displays of moral outrage for what they are and act in a reasonable way to prevent the loss of freedom to our fellow humans.

Thank you,

Lindsay Hager

On Fri, Nov 4, 2022 at 7:58 AM Shane McFarland <smcfarland@murfreesborotn.gov> wrote:

> Lindsay,
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> Thank you for the email. I want to make sure you know. I am supportive of Boropride assembling, but I am not supportive of any group that has a "show" with sexual content that children are present. It seems common sense that you could make the one portion of the event age appropriate or modify what types of content will be there if it is billed as "family friendly".
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> Here is my response I have been sending:

I have been involved in elected office for almost 20 years. I have tried my absolute best to represent everyone regardless of race, gender, religion, sexual preference, or any other factors. The City's responsibility is to deliver services to our residents and I have tried to do my level best to stay out of all the political chaos that surrounds our world and make sure that every person in Murfreesboro feels welcome, respected and represented.

I wanted to give you that context in regards to BoroPride. I was on record responding to constituents who didn't want the festival to occur that it was not appropriate to deny use of our Parks and Recreation facilities if a group meets the requirements as set forth by the City. It is not the City of Murfreesboro's obligation to determine who can and can't use those facilities based upon whether we agree with their mission, political stance, views or other thoughts. I emailed and told several people that BoroPride had a right to use those spaces as long as they upheld the rules just like everyone else.

Here's where I have an issue. I was sent the videos of the "drag" show at the end of the festival. The videos I saw were not representative of what the event application portrayed or what was billed as a "family friendly" event. This has nothing to do with whether I agree or disagree with the festival, but can we not all agree that having a "show" like this is not appropriate for a Parks and Recreation venue where children are present? For example, we wouldn't allow a college fraternity to have a bikini contest at a family park. The intended use of a parks and recreation venue is not for someone to be performing "mock" sexual acts on stage with children present. I think that is just common sense and something if you asked the majority of the community, they would agree.

I am going to continue to represent ALL residents in Murfreesboro....not just the ones I agree with. I do think we all can make these decisions together and use common sense about what is appropriate and reasonable for use of our parks and recreation facilities.

I believe we can all work together and find ways to make sure everyone can be accommodated.

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From: LT Hager <lindsayhager773@gmail.com>
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Greetings,

As an MTSU alumni and Middle Tennessean who wants to be proud of my affiliation with your area, I'm urging you to support and love your neighbors. Please stand up for your fellow residents' right to gather and express themselves in the positive and affirming Boro Pride event.

Thank you,

> Lindsay Hager
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> Sent from my iPhone