City of Birmingham
A Walkable Community

MEMORANDUM

City Clerk's Office

DATE: **January 16, 2015**

TO: **Joseph A. Valentine, City Manager**

FROM: **Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk**

SUBJECT: **Appointment of Celebrate Birmingham Parade Co-Chairpersons**

The Celebrate Birmingham Parade takes a lot of planning and coordination to make for a successful parade. Staff is recommending two individuals be assigned as co-chairpersons of the parade. Each co-chairperson would be assigned certain functions in order to focus and develop their individual areas.

Sandy Debicki served as chair of the parade since 2011 and as co-chair in 2010 and 2009. Ms. Debicki has been a great asset to the parade and continues to bring new ideas to enhance the veteran portion of the parade and in the recruitment of sponsors.

Sheila Brown has worked in the Clerk's Office since 2010 and has been "behind the scenes" in planning the parade since 2012. Ms. Brown took a more active role on the parade committee in 2013 and 2014. Sheila brings fresh ideas to the entertainment in the parade and in the park. In addition to the participants and park activities, her focus will include the recruitment of volunteers.

Ms. Debicki and Ms. Brown have agreed to work as co-chairpersons for the 2015 Celebrate Birmingham Parade. The combination of their ideas and dedication will continue to energize and enhance the parade and park festivities.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION:
To appoint Sheila Brown and Sandy Debicki as co-chairpersons of the 2015 Celebrate Birmingham Parade Committee.