

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

May 19, 2020

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was called to order as a virtual meeting by phone at 7:00am on Tuesday, May 19, 2020. Board Members Carolyn Marlowe, Joy Phillips, Greg Giordano, Kai Sonnenschein, Chairman Dave Schrader, and staff liaison Elaine Smith were in attendance.

The March 10, 2020 minutes were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Frances Avenue Wayfinding Sign – Spelled Wrong - Public Works is aware of the miss-spelling on the sign and will need to have it corrected.
- CIP Update – Gymnasium Sports Lighting – About 1/3 of the lights in the gymnasium are burned out and since the building is over 13 years old, replacement parts are not available. Once the new sports lighting has been installed, there will be a 65% cost savings in electricity.
- Membership Sale – This was approved by City Council, but we are waiting to see what will be open at the RAC and when; maybe next month. (See more under New Business)

NEW BUSINESS:

- Re-opening Schedule – Recreation & Aquatic Center and Parks – Lap Swim is open in the Plunge Pool and Lap Pool by reservation only. Patrons may reserve a lap lane online, for up to one and a half hours. They wear their swimsuit here and go to the gate at their designated time, get their temperature taken, and have their reservation verified by staff. The showers are not available at this time. The Fitness Center will also open to limited capacity and by reservation only for one hour at a time. There will be no early or late access. It will be cleared and disinfected each hour for 15 minutes, and every-other Cardio machine will be out of use, for social distancing. Temperatures will be taken at arrival time and patrons

are expected to clean each machine before and after use. Only 10 patrons will be allowed in the Fitness Center at a time. There are no tables and chairs on the pool deck and the water fountains have been closed; the water refill stations are open. Programs, Pickleball, and Basketball are not open yet. The Advisory Board voted unanimously to recommend not having the Summer Membership Sale until the RAC is mostly fully open (i.e. the Child Watch area, and Gymnasium).

- Summer Camp – Several places have cancelled Summer Camp, and some have delayed registration. We currently have 45 registered each week and can put them into 5 groups of 9 with one Camp Leader to keep groups to a maximum of 10. If the Governor changes the order, we will call the parents of children on the waiting list. There will be no field trips and no buses. Different activities will be done throughout the day, but no board games. All employees must have their temperature taken before they may clock in. Children's temperatures will be taken when they arrive and before they may be dropped off. Joy mentioned it would be a good idea to build extra hand-washing (before/after each activity) into the activity schedule.
- Q & A Discussion on re-opening facility for Pickleball, Basketball, etc. The Skate Park and Tennis Courts have re-opened. The park Playgrounds have not yet been re-opened (waiting for Governor's next phase).
- Smoking on Playgrounds and at Park Events – Discussion (if and how it may be enforced, if it should include vaping, if there should be a designated area, etc.) Elaine is meeting with the Health Department next week to review their recommendations. (This topic may be re-visited at a later meeting.)
- 20/21 Concert Series – The April concert for Almost ABBA was moved to September 26, 2020. Simply Tina is scheduled for October 3, 2020. We are planning to have a new group; the James Taylor Experience. Some returning bands are the Majesty of Rock-Journey and the Alter Eagles. Gary West (Johnny Cash tribute) also wants to come back. We like to offer a variety of music from exceptional bands.
- CIP 20/21 Budget Requests – Elaine is meeting with the City Manager this coming Friday. There are no anticipated changes in the operating budget for next fiscal year. The design for Frances Avenue picnic shelters has been done, but construction has been delayed. Requested projects in the making are upgrades/re-design at the Meadows Dog Park, repairs to and more parking spaces added at the Sims Park Boat Ramp; adding a shade structure over the playground at Grand Blvd. park; putting in a new playground at

Frances Avenue park; upgrades to Russ Park; improvements to RAC bathroom tiles and floors, and expanding the Sound system to the gymnasium.

- Q & A Discussion about extending Memberships to the RAC due to Covid-19 closures. Most members are happy with having the time added on to the expiration date of their membership; there have been very few refunds requested.

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Hopefully we can meet in person next month (stay 6' apart; group of less than 10 people). Everyone has the option to call in to the meeting.

Thank you all for attending.

The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:55am.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Marlowe,
Secretary

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