

## Minutes - Countywide Recreation Advisory Board

December 13, 2021 - hybrid meeting

Board Members: Karen Kincer, Carl Black, Mark Pharaoh, Otto Gonzalez, Don Hawkins, Melanie Stickle, Stephanie Sandoval, Allsion Gillespie, Michael Ma, Dave Pullen, Felecia Wilson, Marcus Coleman, Chris Richardson,

Ex-Officio: Jeneva Stone, Kendall Matthews, Romana Bell-Pearson, Gregory Kellner

Staff: John Nissel, Robin Riley, Adriane Clutter, Doug Ludwig, Janet Dixon

Public: Tonya Gilchrist

6:32pm – Quorum Called by Karen Kincer

### Welcome and Announcements

Motion to accept agenda by Karen Kincer, Carl Blake 1st and Michael Ma 2nd

### Updates

Karen - awaiting applications from CE's office to be forwarded. Attended wood sale and it was wonderful.

Allison - concern expressed for loss of use of space and that there should be a crisis plan for the use of facilities. Can we recommend to the CE?

Ramona – Vaccinations for lower age groups are occurring; last minute accommodations are happening due to schedules given out last minute. CUPF is working with MCPS for OOST; concerns continue about learning and socialization loss. Working with multiple partners with CARE Funds to support with use of space and fields.

Kendell – Attended Legislative breakfast this past Thursday to discuss issues and budget.

Greg – Winter MCPS season has started. Fall was a success given the change in mask mandates and vaccines

Jeneva – Visited Wheaton Stables with Tonya Gilchrist. It was noted that stables provide engaging programming for students with disabilities. Concern was noted that if the stables close or move it could be a possible abrogation of people with disabilities civil rights, possible ADA issue. Reminder that this is the only program like this in the county and it is quite popular, letters of support are needed from those who are served. There is another meeting in January on this issue – date will be forwarded.

Dave – Parks has not made any decision on stables, but they are mindful of the impact.

### CWRPAB Job Description – Don Hawkins and Dave Pullen

Presented a Power Point (*need to add – do you have?*). Question posed: what are the highest performing boards in the county? We need to understand our historical and current needs. Representation from all the areas is important. Next step – a draft will be circulated to the board.

### Parks Report - John Nissel

Open Parkways coming back.

Dues and Fee increased (already passed / approved); this includes the ice rink, train, carousel etc... This is the first increase in four years and goes directly to covering the \$15/hour minimum wage.

Fees for Athletic Fields were increased (already passed / approved) from \$9 to \$11/hr. Robin and Adriane were unaware – John will distribute memo.

Ribbon Cutting at Nature Classroom in Maydale, it is 100% off grid.

Question from board member Stephanie about materials used at dog parks. John will take back to staff and bring back answer.

#### Recreation Report – Robin Riley

Swim meet season has started.

Last week we partnered with others to give away coats, legal advice and vaccines in the Long Branch community.

Director position for Long Branch is currently being advertised; will share posting (Traci posted in chat).

New software launching (VSI) on February 14. Summer and Spring programs are being built.

Additional vaccine event at Long Branch with games and other engagement for children.

Senior event this past weekend was well attended.

Working with Board of Elections for Spring Elections; this will directly affect our camp schedule.

Vaccines still being administered at East County Community Center (Monday – Friday)

Kids-Day-Out program are showing an increase in registration / participation.

Seasonal Staff vaccine tracking continues to be a struggle.

FireFit a six-week course for youth (being targeted towards females) to learn about fire safety, career pathways, health & nutrition will be starting in January.

SCRAC (South County Regional Recreation and Aquatic Center) we are starting to roll out information to the public. Robin is asking for a Point-of-Contact from the Board.

FY23 Budget is underway, working with OMB. Will upload to the Google classroom. (Traci inserted into chat)

Questions:

Allison – concern about enough center staff. Robin - it's a time jump, and we had people retire

Allison – Is a refresh for Long Branch planned for in the CIP? Robin – Yes, expecting 3 to 5yrs.

Allison – Is Coffield included? Robin – Yes.

#### Letter to Executive Elrich

Karen asked for thoughts and input.

Allison – outreach person needs to be bilingual and be aware of cultural issues. Also, the letter should ask for response.

Additional comments send to Karen who will rework the letter and send out via email for review.

#### Review of Action Items

Carl will send via email.

#### Review of 2022 Meeting Dates / Upcoming Calendar Highlights

#### Final thoughts / Questions

Robin to Karen – we will need to discuss Employee Award

#### Adjourn

Carl – 1<sup>st</sup> Allison – 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:30pm