



RECREATION, ARTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AGENDA/ MINUTES

Thursday, June 2, 2022 – 8AM
Virtual WebEx Meeting

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call meeting to Order

2. Roll Call

Bobby Brown, Committee Chair
Trustee Hartshorn Hilton
Trustee Jones
Peter Travers, Director of Recreation & Cultural Affairs
Sara Keffer, Recreation Leader/ Recording Secretary

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cynthia Lewis - Inquired about paddle tennis
Sam Stoloff - Inquired about paddle tennis
Amin Khadduri - Inquired about paddle tennis and funding
Patti Hogan - Gave input on student involvement with paddle tennis
Tracy Carroll - Inquired about cultivating younger kids in paddle tennis.

5. REPORTS

1. Recreation - Director Travers

A. Program Update

- a. Spring Programming - This season is coming to a close by the end of June. There were many rain dates that postponed programs.
- b. Active Older Adult Programming - Currently there are 69 registered attendees for the spring. There are plans for summer programs including aqua fitness at the pool, yoga classes, art classes and zumba classes at the SOPAC Loft. Scheduling is still in the works between instructor availability and space availability.



- c. Pool Programming - This past weekend was the first opening weekend for the pool. There were over 1500 members who arrived at the pool. The swim team has over 230 swimmers with practices starting weekdays starting next week. Director Travers is working closely with the swim instructors to get group and private lessons open for June 13. Trustee Jones requested to add information that pool badges are no longer needed to check into the pool. There will be an Adult Swim Night in August, date is still to be determined.
- 2. Cultural Arts and Events Update - Director Travers
 - a. Watershed Poetry Event, this program was offered both in person at the Skate House and virtual. It was very well attended and there are plans to offer the program again for the fall.
 - b. Undercover Music Festival, there were about 1000 guests for the festival and it was very well received despite a last minute rain date.
 - c. Memorial Day Ceremony - the ceremony had a larger crowd in the last 10 years. The plaque unveiling was a success which will be installed on the rock by Public Works for a Veteran's Day event. The MPC also launched their initiative for the Gold Star Garden & Amphitheatre. The rendering is on their website. President Collum invited MCP to do a presentation of the plans for the June meeting.
 - d. Summer Concerts - Planning is under wear. Rob from SOPAC is working on booking the bands. We secured a sponsor that is paying for the full program.
 - e. National Night Out - The Police Chief is very excited to make the program larger than it has ever been. To emphasize all public safety the following groups are invited: Fire Department, First Aid Squad and other community partners that focus on safety. Trustee Hilton asked Director Travers to reach out to the new social worker to invite her to the event to pass out information with the SOMA of Two Towns Tent for branding. Trustee Brown also wishes to invite the CPC and will reach out to them.
- 3. Facilities & Capital Projects - Director Travers
 - A. Baird Update - The roof is nearly completed and the construction crew is working on making the inside water tight so they can now be allowed to start certain inside projects. There are change orders



circulating, one of the larger ones are for the IT and AV equipment. We have been working with Audio Inc, Century Electric and Frankowski to get a lower proposal which will be sent over to our purchasing agent. The audio components will be focused in six rooms: the gallery, fitness studio, community room, performance space - two parts and the meeting room). WIFI cables will be placed throughout the building. A signage company is working on a plan for interior and exterior signs.

- B. Carter Park Update - The team will come to us next once they complete their project out in Texas.
- C. Cameron Recreation Area - The Village went out to RFP to get an architect firm to design a proposal. The firm sent out a survey and took the information from over 800 submissions and created two draft plans in a meeting with 40 attendees. The final drawing will be chosen for the presentation at the Trustee meeting.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Parks Administration - There are plans being worked out with Administration, Public Works and Recreation.
- 2. Memorial Donations - We are moving forward with allowing donations of benches, plantings and plaques.
- 3. Arts & Cultural Events Committee - Trustee Jones is coordinating with Trustee Haskins.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Parks Signage - There is a company that is going to come out to tour our locations to get a proposal design which will be used as a template for all municipal buildings and parks.
- 2. The Third Street Park Bench - A resident inquired about why the bench was removed and it appears to be a bench that was causing splinters. The benches of that style are being removed around town and will be replaced at a later time.
- 3. Soccer Program - The Recreation Dept is working on a partnership with Cougar soccer to offer a more recreational level program that would be less expensive for more players interested in the sport.



4. South Orange Recreation Membership 2023 - Trustee Hilton inquired about increasing the fee for next year. Trustee Hilton also wants to start discussing meeting space rentals at the new Baird.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, July 7 at 8:00 a.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT 10:02 a.m.