



RECREATION, ARTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AGENDA/ MINUTES

Thursday, September 9, 2022 – 2PM

76 South Orange Ave Suite 302/Virtual WebEx Meeting

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call meeting to Order 2:00 PM

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 2:05 PM

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS 2:05 PM

5. REPORTS 2:20 PM

1. Recreation - Director Travers

A. Program Update

a. Active Older Adult Programming - There are 6 classes for the fall with over 70 participants. The classes are being held at SOPAC.

b. Fall Programming - Our fall soccer program has started with 7 teams chartering with SYSL. The first round of games is this weekend. The flag football program practices are starting where coaches can schedule their own practice times. There will be one art class at the skatehouse. A five week course called Rugged Research is starting in October on Saturdays at the Skatehouse. Registration is now open for that. Field Hockey is running this fall. There was a decrease in numbers this fall with two age groups combined.

2. Cultural Arts and Events Update

a. Health Fair 9/10 - The Recreation Dept. is assisting the Health Dept for the fair. The fair will take place at the fire department from 12 - 2pm.

b. Watershed Literary 9/18 - There will be another hybrid reading this fall. This group partnered with the Meadowlands Parks Conservancy.

c. Community Day 10/2 - The Recreation Dept. is working with administration to set up the booths. The event is from 10 - 3pm.



- d. Food Truck Festival 10/15 - There will be 18 trucks and live music along Livingston Avenue.
- e. Cornhole Tournament 10/30 - The Recreation Dept. and Meadowlands Parks Conservancy are partnering together to run the program by the Skate House from 3 - 8pm. Participants are encouraged to wear costumes.
- f. Veterans Day 11/11 - There will be a plaque reveal for Augie Schroder and Duane Kelly.

3. Facilities & Capital Projects - Director Travers

- A. Baird Update - The updated project deadline is expected by the second quarter of 2023. There is an increase for the construction manager's two year contract. Signage is included in the bid for the Baird. Trustee Jones and Director Travers will discuss at a later time to include signs for historical aspects of the building.
- B. Carter Park Update - Trustee Jones is going to reach out to the Montclair University art department to see if they have the ability to make the art structure.
- C. Cameron Recreation Area - Dresdner Robin is going to make the final plans to present to the Trustees. The plans include one paddle tennis and one pickleball court. Lighting will be shown in the construction documents.
- D. Farrell Tennis Courts - Both bids are being rejected due to the higher than expected cost. The lowest bid came back 50% higher than construction estimates. Director Travers will go out to bid next year in the hope that prices will decrease.

6. OLD BUSINESS 2:48 PM

- 1. Parks Administration - This item will be discussed at a later time until the new business administrator starts.
- 2. Arts and Cultural Events Committee - Trustee Jones will work with Trustee Schnall.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Baird Membership and Program Pricing - Discussed in executive session.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, October 6 at 8:30 a.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

2:50 PM