

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC RECREATION COMMISSION

October 21, 2008

The regular meeting of the Public Recreation Commission was held on October 21, 2008 at 4:00pm at the Lincoln Community Center, 1027 Linn Street, with the following members present: Mmes. Denno, Ingram, and Robinson and Messrs. Moeddel and Fultz, with Mr. Moeddel presiding. Staff in attendance: Mmes. Arszman, Cox, Melzer, Watson, Montavon, Kazin, and Barnes and Messrs. Koopman, Pacella, Thomas, Carlisle, Merrifield, Celsor, and LeConey.

MINUTES

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Ms. Denno, to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2008 Public Recreation Commission as submitted.

Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Note from Unity for Service, National Exchange Club

Dr. Merrifield received a note from Amy Hamman of the Unity for Service, National Exchange Club thanking him for speaking at their Exchange Club. This item was received for filing.

Note from "Kate", Summer Youth Employee

Lois Finnell of the Dunham Center received a note of thanks from "Kate", a summer youth employee, for the great experience she received. This item was received for filing.

Duke Energy Children's Museum 2008 Difference Makers

Tonaruse Witherspoon, CCD at the Price Hill Center, received a 2008 Difference Makers award. Dr. Merrifield has been invited to attend the ceremony. This item was received for filing.

Letters to Councilmember Monzel and Diane Alford of the Miracle League Association.

Dr. Merrifield received copies of the above letters from Owen Wrassman and Charley Frank of the Miracle League of Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky, thanking them for their involvement in bringing the Miracle League field to Cincinnati. This item was received for filing.

Letter from Deborah Pilgrim Secretary of the Madisonville Community Recreation Advisory Council

Dr. Merrifield received a letter of thanks from Deborah Pilgrim for attending the Madisonville Community Recreation Advisory Council. This item was received for filing.

E-mail from Al Kirtley to Athletic Division

The Athletic Division received an email from Al Kirtley complimenting them on the great job they did with the Sand Volleyball league at Dunham this past season. Doug Carlisle, Supervising Recreation Coordinator of Athletics, forwarded the compliment on to Dianne Shirmann, Volleyball Coordinator. This item was received for filing.

E-mail from Gina Marsh to Dr. Merrifield

Dr. Merrifield received an e-mail from Gina Marsh, parent of children attending the Clifton Recreation Center after school program. Ms. Marsh complimented the staff and programming at the center this year. This item was received for filing.

Memo from Stella Barnes to Lynn Melzer, Dina Hanks, and Karen Reinhardt

Ms. Barnes sent a commendation memo to Lynn Melzer, Dina Hanks, and Karen Reinhardt on the outstanding and excellent implementation of the Senior Hall of Fame Banquet held on September 5, 2008. This item was received for filing.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Program Highlight

Bunny Arszman showed a portion of the 2008 RiverTrek video. The children participating in RiverTrek had a wonderful time and a great opportunity to spend time in the outdoors with a variety of people from different walks of life.

Police officers involved in the program stated on the video what a wonderful opportunity this was for the participants.

Mary Cox introduced members of the Morgan family who have been involved with RiverTrek since its beginning. She thanked them for all of their support and guidance with the program. Ms. Cox also introduced Officer Weber of the Cincinnati Police Department and thanked her and the other officers that have been involved with RiverTrek. Commission Vice President Moeddel presented plaques to the Morgan family and the Cincinnati Police Department in recognition of their support and involvement with RiverTrek. On behalf of the Commission he thanked them for their outstanding partnerships with CRC.

Youth Commission Member Report

Youth Commissioner Brittany Robinson reported on the Teen Leadership Council meeting held on Wednesday, October 15th. The meeting was held at the LeBlond Recreation Center and participants from centers all over the city attended. Participants were asked what a leadership board meant to them and what qualities board members should possess.

Ms. Robinson advised that participants were enthusiastic and wanted have another meeting to develop an actual Council. The majority of the group was willing to participate again and had ideas on how they could change things in their community.

Update on Pool Drain Requirements

Jeff Koopman advised that we have received new Consumer Product Safety Commission requirements for pool drains. By December 19th all pools must have anti-entrapment drain covers and must be stamped that they are certified to be compliant. None of our pools are in compliance. New drains for out three (3) indoor pools have been ordered at a cost of approximately \$6,000.00. Between now and June all pool drains will be replaced.

No Child Left Inside Act (H.R. 3036)

On September 18, 2008 the U.S. House of Representatives passed the No Child Left Inside Act (H.R. 3036). Through two floor amendments the No Child Left Inside Act will allow municipalities (parks and recreation agencies) to

be eligible for competitive environmental education capacity grants and provide opportunities for partnerships with schools and non profit organizations. Dr. Merrifield stated that it is important that we encourage outdoor experiences.

Washington Park Pool Update

Dr. Merrifield reported that he gave a short presentation to the Council on Vibrant Neighborhoods, Recreation and Public Services Subcommittee on Washington Park Pool and Over-the-Rhine Pools. He advised that we continue to investigate our options regarding pools in that area. At our November Commission meeting he will present new recommendations on our aquatic program to Commissioners.

OLD BUSINESS

Miracle Field Update

Jeff Koopman reported that construction has started on the Miracle Field and it will be open and ready by our deadline in April. There is one problem; the Red's Community Fund does not have enough funds to complete the project. The shelter building will not be built at this point. They are working to secure additional funds. If they are unable to get the needed funds we will have an open shelter at the Miracle Field.

NEW BUISNESS

Policy Revision (PFO-10 Trips and/or Programs Outside Hamilton County

This item was tabled until the November meeting. Mr. Moeddel would like staff to have the Solicitor's office review the policy revision before it is approved.

Field Trips

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Ms. Denno, to approve the various requests for Field Trips as submitted.

1009 Fees and Charges Draft

A draft of the proposed 2009 Fees and Charges was given to Commissioners for review. Mr. Thomas reported that there are no significant

changes to the fees. Mr. Moeddel requested a copy of the 2008 Fees and Charges. Mr. Thomas will provide copies to the Commissioners.

Dr. Merrifield advised that the daily user fee eliminated the need for the "Sweep and Swim" program. Ms. Denno suggested that the Cincinnati Recreation Commission Foundation be approached with membership fees for those in need.

License Agreement with the Archbishop of Cincinnati and St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church

Ms. Watson advised that the Cincinnati Recreation Commission pays \$1.00 per year for the use of the parking lot at 1619 California Avenue. The agreement will renew automatically for successive one-year terms unless and until terminated by either party.

Ms. Denno moved, seconded by Mr. Fultz, to approve the License Agreement with the Archbishop of Cincinnati and St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church as submitted.

Motion passed.

PLANNING AND ENGINEERING

Capital Improvements Bid to Resurface Outdoor Basketball Courts at Daniels, Schwarz, and Paddock Hills

Ms. Ingram moved, seconded by Mr. Fultz, to accept the low acceptable bid of J.D. Meurer Corporation in the amount of \$39,046.00 for the resurface of the outdoor basketball courts at Daniels, Schwarz, and Paddock Hills. This bid will include furnishing all materials, labor, and performing all work necessary to resurface the outdoor basketball courts.

Motion passed.

Capital Improvements Bid to Renovate & Relocate Ballfields at Oskamp

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Ms. Ingram, to accept the low bid of Westside Paving and Excavating in the amount of \$144,600.00 for the renovation and relocation of ballfields at Oskamp. This bid will include furnishing all

materials, labor, and performing all work necessary to relocate the ballfields at Oskamp.

Motion passed.

COMMISSION MEETING

November 18, 2008

Clifton Community Center

320 McAlpin Avenue (20)

Meeting adjourned.

Michael J. Moeddel, Vice President

Norman C. Merrifield, Ed., D., Director

/kss