

## MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC RECREATION COMMISSION

November 18, 2008

The regular meeting of the Public Recreation Commission was held on November 18, 2008 at 4:00pm at the Clifton Community Center, 320 McAlpin Avenue, with the following members present: Mmes. Denno and Robinson and Messrs. Smith, Moeddel and Fultz, with Rev. Smith presiding. Staff in attendance: Mmes. Cox, Shannon, Watson, Kazin, Barnes, Simmons, Bocklett, Clatos, Ertley, McNeil, and Stuart and Messrs. Koopman, Pacella, Thomas, Carlisle, Merrifield, Celsor, LeConey, Lurix, and Reese.

### MINUTES

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Mr. Moeddel, to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2008 Public Recreation Commission as submitted.

Motion passed.

### CORRESPONDENCE

#### Note From The Marvin Lewis Community Fund

Dr. Merrifield received a note from Marvin Lewis and Sharon Thomas of the Marvin Lewis Community Fund thanking CRC for our support of the 2008 Hometown Huddle. This item was received for filing.

#### Program from the Duke Energy Children's 2008 Difference Makers Program

Dr. Merrifield supplied Commissioners with a copy of the program from the Duke Energy Children's 2008 Difference Makers Program honoring Tonaruse Witherspoon and other recipients. This item was received for filing.

#### Email from OPRA Regarding the 2008 OPRA Awards of Excellence Winners

Cincinnati Recreation Commission received the 2008 Meritorious Facility Award \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 for the Otto Armleder Memorial Regional Aquatic Center at Dunham Recreation Complex. We also received Honorable Mention Teen Programs & Events – Junior Counselor Program, and Honorable Mention

Marketing New Media/Electronic Media – Water’s Edge. This item was received for filing.

Article in the *Ohio Parks and Recreation Association Magazine*

Mike Thomas provided Commissioners with copies of an article from the *Ohio Parks and Recreation Association Magazine* submitted by Lisa Kruse regarding volunteerism at CRC. This item was received for filing.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no Communications from the Public this month.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Program Highlight

Alayne Kazin, Service Area Coordinator of the Therapeutic Division advised Commission that TR is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday this year. Our TR program is one of the first community based therapeutic recreation programs in the country. Ms. Kazin gave Commissioners a copy of the Fall 2008 and Winter 2009 Program Guide. Ms. Kazin introduced Kyra Ertley who provided a power point presentation on CRC Therapeutic Recreation Activities.

Rev. Smith asked Ms. Kazin if our TR Division worked with the Inclusion Network. Ms. Kazin advised that we do not. CRC provides inclusive and therapeutic recreation programming choices and promotes accessibility at all CRC facilities. Dr. Merrifield stated that we have one of the best TR programs in the Midwest.

Ms. Kazin stated that they would like to recognize one of their part time staff members who worked the summer camp at College Hill, Nakeem Williams. Mr. Williams has decided to work with the TR division throughout the year. While working with the bowling program Mr. Williams assisted a participant who was chocking. Mr. Williams administered an abdominal thrust on the participant and the object was dislodged. Ms. Kazin presented Mr. Williams with a plaque acknowledging his accomplishment. On behalf of the Recreation Commission, Rev. Smith thanked Mr. Williams for his service to the Recreation Department.

## Youth Commission Member Report

There was no Youth Commission Member Report this month.

## Update of the 2007 Aquatic Plan

Dr. Merrifield would like to table this item until the first of the year. Brandstetter Carroll is working on a study for us and we are also working with a student from Xavier University on a report to show us where our participants in the Washington Park and Over-the-Rhine area live. These studies/reports will help us amend our Aquatic Plan. Rev. Smith suggested that we may need to schedule a special meeting in February for this item.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Golf Capital Update

Steve Pacella advised that he would like to give the Commission an update on the proposed miniature golf complex project. Due to project cost exceeding reasonable return on investment, it has been decided not to pursue the new miniature golf complex at Lunken Field at this time. The cost of this project would also impinge on the Glenview Golf Course clubhouse renovations. The current putt putt course at Lunken will stay in operation.

Mr. Fultz stated that he thought it would be advisable to put a hold on both projects due to the economic situation at present.

### 2009 Fees and Charges

This item was tabled until the December meeting. Dr. Merrifield would like to get more information together to present to Commission. We need to establish exactly what our cost is for our programming areas. We need to know where we are and where we want to go.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Proposed 2009 Cincinnati Recreation Commission Meeting Schedule

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Mr. Moeddel, to approve the 2009 Cincinnati Recreation Commission meeting schedule with the change of the

January 2009 meeting date. The January meeting date is to be changed from January 20<sup>th</sup> to January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Motion passed.

#### Approval to Initiate Rental Agreement for Residence at Dunham

The Recreation Department is interested in having a caretaker at the Dunham Recreation Complex. The Caretaker would live in the white house located near the Recreation Center. The Caretaker would rent the house from the Recreation Department and the Recreation Department would pay them a like amount for the following services at this site:

- Observing the site at night and reporting problems to the police and the Recreation Department. This includes observing the pool and the golf course
- Opening and closing the restroom building at the site near the 1000 Hands Playground
- Cleaning and maintaining the restroom building
- Handling facility rentals at the site
- Minor pick up of the site after hours
- Making sure the facilities are locked and secured at night.

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Mr. Moeddel, to initiate a Rental Agreement for the residence at the Dunham Recreation Complex.

Motion passed.

#### Evanston Master Plan

Mr. Moeddel moved, seconded by Ms. Denno, to approve the Evanston Master Plan as submitted based upon community approval of the plan.

Motion passed.

#### Crosstown Helpout & Right of Entry for Home Depot at Evanston, Withrow, and possibly Evanston Centers

Ms. Denno moved, seconded by Mr. Moeddel, to approve the volunteer event planned by Home Depot, the University of Cincinnati and the Xavier University for April 2009. The event will complete volunteer work at Evanston Park and possibly Wulsin Play Area. The work will begin to implement the

Evanston Park Master Plan. The work at Wulsin would be the construction of a playground.

Motion passed.

#### Comprehensive Business Plan Consultant Selection

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Mr. Moeddel, to approve the selection of The Conservation, Environment, & Historic Preservation (CEHP) group as the project team for the CRC Comprehensive Recreation Program and Facility Business Plan.

Motion Passed.

#### Field Trips

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

Motion passed.

#### City of Cincinnati Asset Forfeiture Distribution from the Police Department

Ms. Denno moved, seconded by Mr. Fultz, to approve the application for and acceptance of a City of Cincinnati Asset Forfeiture Distribution from the Police Department.

Motion passed.

### PLANNING AND ENGINEERING

#### Capital Improvements Bid for the Replacement of the South Fairmount Pool with a Sprayground

Ms. Denno moved, seconded by Mr. Fultz, to accept the low bid of CBS Construction, LLC Item #1 - \$354,000.00; Assignment Fee - \$4,929.95; Queen City Mechanicals Item #2 - \$3,999.00; Queen City Mechanicals Item #3 - \$66,800.00; B & J Electrical Company Item #4 - \$27,800.00; Alternate EC-1 – UV Disinfection System - \$1,650.00 for the replacement of the South Fairmount Pool with a Sprayground.

Motion passed.

Mr. Moeddel voted nay to this item. Due to the current economic situation Mr. Moeddel does not feel that we should proceed with this project at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Ms. Denno, to adjourn the meeting at 6:05pm.

Motion passed.

COMMISSION MEETING

December 16, 2008

Dunham Community Center

1945 Dunham Way (38)

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Kazava Smith, President

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

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