

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC RECREATION COMMISSION

December 18, 2008

The regular meeting of the Public Recreation Commission was held on December 18, 2008 at 4:00pm at the Main Office, 805 Central Avenue – Suite 800, with the following members present: Ms. Ingram and Messrs. Smith, and Fultz, with Rev. Smith presiding. Staff in attendance: Mmes. Cox, Shannon, Barnes, Simmons, and Willis, and Messrs. Koopman, Pacella, Thomas, Carlisle, Merrifield, Celsor, Reese, Brondhaver, Bailey, and Boyer.

MINUTES

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Ms. Ingram, to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2008 Public Recreation Commission as submitted.

Motion passed.

PRESENTATION OF CHRISTMAS CARDS

Children from the Millvale Community Center were present to present Christmas Cards to Commission, Dr. Merrifield, and Ms. Schoenig, made by participants are various community centers. With the assistance of staff members Kelly Kerr, John Koch, and Mary Cox; the children sang and danced for Commission. Everyone thanked the children for the cards and the entertainment and wished them a Merry Christmas.

RECOGNITION OF NFL FLAG FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

Members of our NFL Flag Football Championship Team, parents, and coaches were present at the meeting. Trophies and t-shirts were presented to the team. Paul Brondhaver explained that the team won the Regional Championship in Chicago, enabling them to play in the championship in Orlando, Florida.

Mr. Brondhaver advised that this team played at half time during two of the Cincinnati Bengal games.

Commissioners congratulated the players on such a wonderful achievement.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Bettye R. Brock

Lynn Melzer, Senior Citizen Hall of Fame Coordinator, received a letter of thanks from Bettye R. Brock for all the hard work that she put into the Hall of Fame.

This item was received for filing.

Note from Jenny Busam, President, Dunham Senior Club

Lynn Melzer received a note from Jenny Busam, President of the Dunham Senior Club, thanking her and her staff for making the Senior Citizen's Hall of fame such an awesome and memorable event. This item was received for filing.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no Communications from the Public this month.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2009 – 2010 Budget Update

Dr. Merrifield advised that none of our pools or buildings are slated for closing. The bad news is our new anticipated capital funding for pools has been slashed. He recommends that we amend our Aquatic Plan. Analysts are reviewing the budget decisions.

Other budget limitations that pertain to us include:

- 1.5% (non-personnel) cut in operations budget/\$45,000 reduction
- Loss of merit pay for non-represented
- Job freeze on new hires/required Council approval for hiring consideration

Program Highlight

Doris Simmons, Senior Administrative Specialist, provided a slide presentation to Commissioners introducing each member of the Human Resources staff and explaining their job duties. Ms. Simmons is the head of our HR Division.

Dr. Merrifield commended Ms. Simmons and her staff on the great job they do.

Evanston Pool Update

Jeff Koopman distributed copies of the Evanston Park Conceptual Plan to Commission. He advised that we have talked to the community about the improvements that we want to make. The community supports everything that we propose to do. This agenda item is for information only.

Youth Commission Member Report

There was no Youth Commission Member Report this month.

OLD BUSINESS

2009 Fees and Charges

Mike Thomas and Steve Pacella presented and reviewed the 2009 Proposed Fees and Charges.

Ms. Ingram moved, seconded by Mr. Fultz, to approve the 2009 Fees and Charges as submitted.

Motion passed.

Strategic Planning Contract

At our November 18, 2008 Recreation Commission Meeting the planning proposal submitted by the firm of CEHP, Incorporated was accepted by Commission as the best, most appropriate, for CRC's planning purposes.

Ms. Ingram moved, seconded by Mr. Fultz, to approve the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Cincinnati Public Recreation Commission and CEHP, Incorporated as submitted, pending the amendment of the date on page 10 of the agreement to indicate the authorization date of the Commission as being December 18th, 2008.

Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Expanding Land Boundary Responsibilities of the Bicentennial Commons Board of Visitors at the Waterfront

Mr. Pacella explained that the purpose of the amendment of the Bicentennial Commons at Sawyer Point Permanent Capital Replacement Maintenance and Repair Trust (BCPCRMRT) is not only to account for geographical changes created by the development of the new stadiums along Mehring Way, but also to be able to use the BCPCRMRT's River Walk funds to make needed repairs to the Steamboat Monument.

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Ms. Ingram, to approve the amendment to the BCPCRMRT.

Motion passed.

North Avondale Agreement Update

Mr. Koopman provided copies of the Construction Site Plan for the North Avondale site. The North Avondale School replacement is moving forward with demolition of the school to begin March 1, 2009. The center will be closed from 3/1/09 until 5/15/09 because of safety concerns and paving of the portion of the parking lot for CRC's use.

Mr. Koopman advised that we are waiting on the first draft of the Agreement from schools. This agenda item is for information only.

Lunken Playfield Proposed Rates & Fee Structure

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Ms. Ingram, to approve the Lunken Playfield Rates and Fee Structure as submitted.

Motion passed.

Living Wage Waiver – Billy Casper Golf Management

Mr. Pacella advised Commission that an Interdepartmental Correspondence has been sent to the City Manager's office on behalf of Billy Casper Golf. The correspondence is seeking the renewal of the waiver exempting BCG to the Living Wage Ordinance. The waiver has been granted since implementation of the ordinance. This agenda item is for information only.

Field Trips

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Ms. Ingram, to approve the field trip requests as submitted.

Motion Passed.

PLANNING AND ENGINEERING

Capital Improvements Bid for the Landscaping Services at the Central Riverfront

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Ms. Ingram, to accept the low bid of Allison Landscaping in the amount of \$127,500.00 for landscaping services at the Central Riverfront.

Motion passed.

Capital Improvements Bid for paving of the Eastlawn Parking Lot at Roselawn Park

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Ms. Ingram, to accept the low bid of Westside Paving in the amount of \$34,970.00 for paving of the Eastlawn Parking Lot at Roselawn Park.

Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Ms. Ingram, to adjourn the meeting at 5:50pm.

Motion passed.

COMMISSION MEETING

January 6, 2009

Madisonville Community Center

5320 Stewart Road (27)

Kazava Smith, President

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

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