

THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC RECREATION COMMISSION

September 15, 2009

The regular meeting of the Public Recreation Commission was held on September 15, 2009 at 4:00pm at the Waterfront Administration Office with the following members present: Ms. Denno and Messrs. Fultz, and Moeddel with Mr. Moeddel presiding. Staff in attendance: Mmes. Barnes, Simmons, Cox and Bello and Messrs. Merrifield, Thomas, Pacella, Koopman, Carlisle, LeConey and Celsor.

MINUTES

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Ms. Denno, to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2009 Public Recreation Commission as submitted.

Motion passed.

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Ms. Denno, to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2009 Special Meeting of the Public Recreation Commission as submitted.

Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

E-mail from Julie Stacey to Dr. Merrifield

Dr. Merrifield received an e-mail from Julie Stacey commending CRC Lifeguard, Greg Martin, as an outstanding employee. This item was received for filing.

Letter to Stefanie Gerth from Becky Stratton

Ms. Gerth received a letter from Ms. Stratton commending her on her hard work and enthusiasm at the Oakley summer camp. This item was received for filing.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Paul Macke was present and asked to address the Commission.

Mr. Macke asked Commission to investigate what the Glenview Golf Course office is being used for other than conducting business for the seven CRC Golf Courses.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Strategic Planning Commissioner's Tentative Meeting Dates: September 28, 29, 30.

Dr. Merrifield advised that two members of the Strategic Planning Team are coming in. We have not been able to schedule a time when all Commissioners are available to attend a retreat with the Team Members. Dr. Merrifield asked Commissioners to block out a couple of hours on September 28, 29, or 30 to meet with the Strategic Planning Team Members and let Ms. Schoenig know their availability. Staff will be meeting with the Team sometime during this 3-day period also.

The first draft of the Plan is due this Friday. Commissioners will receive copies of the draft in time to review before their scheduled meeting with the Planning Team. Dr. Merrifield noted that it is critical that we get Commissioner's feedback on the plan. He believes this will help us with our upcoming budget.

Dr. Merrifield provided Commissioners with copies of the objectives for the Strategic Plan.

OLD BUSINESS

2010 Budget Information and Discussion

Dr. Merrifield stated that he doesn't want to get into a great deal of detail at this time. He informed that we are at the same place we were a month ago – facing a \$1,600,952 reduction. Dr. Merrifield and staff continue to work on this challenge. He advised that he believes the City leaders realize that over the years we have lost our flexibility.

Dr. Merrifield stated that staff recommendation at this point in time is to retain our full-time employees. We have recommended a reduction in our part-time employees. We are going to need to revisit our priorities. We can not afford to operate our centers unless they are “pay to play”. We may be looking at centralizing our senior programs.

Mr. Moeddel asked what kind of effort has been made to communicate with our staff. He stressed the need for good communication. Dr. Merrifield advised that he has a meeting scheduled next week with the Service Area Coordinators and the Supervising Recreation Coordinators and is hoping to have an All Staff Meeting in October to bring everyone up-to-date. Dr. Merrifield stated that these meetings are being scheduled to answer questions as best he can and to keep morale as high as possible.

NEW BUSINESS

Agreement with Montgomery Inn Boathouse for Storage and Parking Space Rental

Mr. Pacella advised that this is an ongoing agreement with the Montgomery Inn Boathouse for storage and parking space rental. The old storage rental rate was \$675.00 per quarter. The new storage rate will be \$825.00 per quarter. Parking space rental will remain the same at \$35.00 per permit, per month.

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Ms. Denno, to approve the agreement with Montgomery Inn Boathouse for storage and parking space rental.

Motion passed.

Fourth Amendment to Original Billy Casper Golf Agreement

Per Dr. Merrifield’s request, this item was tabled at this time.

Home Town Huddle & CPS Partnership Project

Mr. Koopman advised that this will be our second year in a row working with the Marvin Lewis Foundation on the Home Town Huddle. This project will take place at the old Whittier School site in Price Hill on October 6th from 10:00am until 4:00pm.

Natalie Anderson, Executive Assistant and Director of Special Projects with the Marvin Lewis Community Fund was present. Ms. Anderson advised that they have received additional funding because of the project they picked to do this year. The Home Town Huddle project will give back to the children and adults of the community as well.

Ms. Anderson invited Commissioners and staff to come be involved in the project on October 6th at the old Whittier School site. There will be 250 volunteers and 40 Bengal players involved.

Mr. Koopman provided copies of the project dimensioned site plan.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Ms. Denno to adjourn.

Motion passed.

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING

October 20, 2009

Waterfront Skating Building

705 East Pete Rose Way (02)

Kazava Smith, President

Norman C. Merrifield, Ed.D, Director

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