

THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC RECREATION COMMISSION

May 17, 2011

The regular meeting of the Public Recreation Commission was held on May 17th, 2011 at the College Hill Recreation Center, 5545 Belmont Ave, Cincinnati, Oh (45224) with the following members present: Messrs. Smith, MacConnell, and Nelms. Staff in attendance: Mmes. Simmons and Watson and Messrs. Thomas, Pacella, Schwind, Williams and Carlisle. Mr. Thomas advised that Mr. Fultz and Ms. Denno were unable to attend due to illness. Rev. Kazava Smith called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Rev. Smith apologized for changing the order of the agenda but stated that the Commission needed to go into Executive Session at the beginning of the meeting because the attorney who was present to discuss the litigation issue was on a very tight schedule. Mr. Nelms motioned that the Cincinnati Recreation Commission go into Executive Session to discuss a litigation issue and a Personnel issue. Mr. MacConnell seconded. Roll call: Rev. Smith – yes; Mr. MacConnell – yes, Mr. Nelms – yes.

Rev. Smith motioned to come out of Executive Session at 4:25pm. Mr. MacConnell seconded.

Motion passed.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

College Hill Recreation Center Tour

Ms. Cyd Schuler and Ms. Yvette Stanford handed out information regarding the College Hill Recreation Center and stated that in the interest of time perhaps delaying the tour until the end of the meeting would be appropriate. Mr. Nelms agreed and commended the staff for their hard work.

MINUTES

An amendment to the minutes of the April 19th, 2011 was requested. The amendment should read as follows: "Michael Thomas is named Interim Director of Recreation, as of June 1st, 2011, for the period of time until a decision is made." Mr. MacConnell motioned the minutes of the April 19th meeting be approved as amended. Mr. Nelms seconded.

Motion passed.

Mr. MacConnell motioned that the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission on April 26th, 2011 be approved. Mr. Nelms seconded.

Motion passed.

Mr. MacConnell requested that the business part of the meeting be moved up in the agenda since he would need to leave by 5:00pm.

OLD BUSINESS

ADA – Policy on Testing Blood Glucose Levels

This item was submitted for information at last month's meeting but was postponed until this meeting. It is now submitted for approval and is a policy recommendation for staff that has been reviewed by Law. The recommendations outline guidelines for the Testing for Blood Glucose Levels.

Mr. MacConnell asked how this policy was determined. Mr. Carlisle said that it was modeled from other cities. Mr. MacConnell moved that the policy be accepted as presented. Mr. Nelms's seconded.

Motion passed.

ADA – Administering Emergency Treatment to Children with Seizures Disorders

Mr. Carlisle stated that this item was submitted for information at last month's meeting but was postponed until this meeting. It is now submitted for approval and is a policy recommendation for staff that have been reviewed by Law. The recommendations outline guidelines for the administering of treatment of children with seizure disorders.

Rev. Smith said that we should follow up to make sure we are in compliance with this new policy. Mr. MacConnell moved to accept this policy as presented. Mr. Nelms seconded.

Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

1 Year Lease Agreement – Ebersole Center property

Mr. Thomas explained that the Ebersole Center property should be leased to the California Heritage Foundation. The building is used by the neighborhood community council for meetings and archival community storage. Mr. Nelms moved that this 1 year Lease Agreement be accepted as presented. Mr. MacConnell seconded.

Motion passed.

1 Year Extension – Billy Casper Golf Management’s Current Contract

Mr. Williams requested a one year extension to contract 35x0005 with Billy Casper Golf Management, LLC. Mr. Williams stated that an RFP process is not advisable at this time. Having this extension will buy us time for the legal process to take place.

Mr. MacConnell added that he thinks that this is appropriate because even if CRC took back golf operations it would be impossible to do so for the 2012 golf season. A working group is getting together to discuss a business plan to take back golf operations in house. Rev. Smith stated that there should be no RFP because these are extraordinary circumstances. Mr. MacConnell said that extending the contract would give Billy Casper Golf a chance to plan.

Mr. MacConnell motioned that a one year extension of the Billy Casper Golf 6th Amendment through December 31st, 2012, be accepted as presented. Mr. Nelms seconded.

Motion passed.

Fee Changes – Athletic Division

Mr. Doug Carlisle explained that currently CRC Athletics offers adult league field rentals for non CRC organizations at \$58/team. Several non CRC leagues have been requesting a 20-25 week season at \$58/team. The current fee is all sports events are \$58/team or \$13.00/hr. The new fee would be all sports events are \$58/team per 10 weeks or \$13.00/hr. Mr. Nelms moved that the Fee Change for the Athletic Division be accepted as presented. Mr. MacConnell seconded.

Motion passed.

Concessions Contract - Dunham

Mr. Nelms asked Mr. Carlisle if there were any conflicts regarding this concession contract. Mr. Carlisle said no. The contract is still at the Law Department but needs to be approved before the pool season begins. Mr. MacConnell motioned that the Concession Contract for Dunham pool with Poppie's Flavored Ice be approved pending review by the Law Dept. Mr. Nelms seconded.

Motion passed.

At this time, the business part of the Commission meeting was completed and Mr. MacConnell departed. Rev. Smith continued with the non-business part of the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Soap Box Media Article – Saving Cincinnati Pools

Mr. Thomas presented a very nice article that appeared on the Soap Box Media Website regarding CRC's "Save Our Pools" campaign. It discussed the grass roots efforts that drove Cincinnati City Council to provide \$600,000 in support of the campaign.

Oskamp Field

Mr. Thomas stated that CRC received good media coverage for the dedication of Oskamp Field. Channel 19 and Channel 5 both posted stories on their websites in addition to doing pieces on their newscasts.

NRPA Foundation

Mr. Thomas presented an article that appeared in NRPA magazine about foundations that included a mention of the success of the Cincinnati Recreation Foundation.

Friday Skate at Over The Rhine Center

Mr. Thomas discussed Final Friday Skates at Over The Rhine Recreation Center. They have become very popular in the community and have received a lot of attention including the article from UrbanCincy that was presented.

Ndukwe Foundation Youth Wellness Camp

Mr. Thomas stated that Cincinnati Bengal Chinedum Ndukwe is sponsoring a Youth Wellness Camp for youth ages 8-14 at the Mt. Auburn Community Center on May 21st.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2011 Membership Drive

Mr. Pacella reported that the Cincinnati Recreation Foundation has secured \$17,500 that will be directed toward youth memberships. The membership drive will take place on June 3rd. This drive will be aimed at new youth members who are not currently registered at any of our centers.

Pools Update

Mr. Pacella gave a report regarding monies raised during the "Save Our Pools" campaign. Funds are still being collected, but as of this meeting the totals are:

Website:	\$ 7,500
Foundation	\$46,000
Enquirer Insert	\$ 7,500
Community	\$84,000
Walnut Hills	\$38,000
Stan Chesley	\$160,000 (Approximately)

Mr. Pacella mentioned that we need to begin working toward an endowment. Rev. Smith said that the new Director of Recreation should begin a long range pool plan. He commended Mike Thomas and Steve Pacella for all of their hard work on this campaign. He stated that it shows a real commitment by the community. Mr. Nelms said that using the database in the campaign was ingenious. Mr. Thomas promised a second step by working towards an endowment. Mr. Pacella commended the Maintenance Dept and the Aquatics Division for getting the pools ready for summer under such time constraints.

PLANNING AND ENGINEERING

St. Rose Field

The Cincinnati Department of Transportation and Engineering is proposing to create bicycle lanes on Riverside Drive. The creation of the bike lanes will eliminate on street parking near the LeBlond Recreation Center. The Transportation and Engineering Dept. is proposing the creation of additional parking spaces adjacent to the St Rose Soccer Field at LeBlond. The soccer field will remain the same size and be relocated. The field will be upgraded to

2010 ADA standards with the addition of ADA accessible paths and new player benches. 14 new parking spaces will be created and 23 spaces will be modified so that they are the proper size.

Doug Carlisle mentioned that those soccer fields are used over 19 weeks and 4500 people use those fields. Joe Schwind said that they are looking for solutions for us losing parking spaces. Mr. Nelms asked how many parking spaces would be added and when construction would begin. Mr. Schwind said that 26 spaces would be added and construction would begin this year.

McKie Recreation Center & Pool

Mr. Schwind stated that the consultants designing the renovation of the McKie Recreation Center and the McKie Family Aquatic Center have completed their respective bid packages. The bid packages have been forwarded to the City's Purchasing Department for bid advertisement. Both of these projects have previously been presented to the Commission and the Northside Community Council. He will bring the bids back to the Commission for approval once official bid tabs are received. Mr. Nelms asked when construction is slated to begin. Mr. Schwind stated that both the McKie Recreation Center and the pool would begin construction in September and reopen in May or June.

Sprayground update for 2011

Mr. Joe Schwind presented an update on the spraygrounds that CRC has slated to open in 2011.

The College Hill Aquatic Spray Facility: This facility is located across the street from the College Hill Recreation Center. The facility involves the construction of an Aquatic Spray Facility, the addition of a shelter to the site and

additional site amenities. The project is proceeding with a targeted completion of June 15, 2011. We have poured the slab for the spray facility and the surrounding concrete slabs.

The Caldwell Aquatic Spray Facility: This facility is located at the Caldwell Recreation Area. The facility is larger than the College Hill Aquatic Spray facility. This site has been more adversely affected by the wet spring than the College Hill Facility. The facility involves the construction of a large aquatic spray facility and additional site amenities. The project has a currently targeted completion date of the end of June 2011. The contractor has installed the piping and underground work needed for the facility.

The North Fairmount Aquatic Spray Facility: This facility is located on Carll Street in the North Fairmount Community. We have partnered with MSD for work at this site. The project involves the construction of a large aquatic spray facility, shelter basketball courts and other site amenities. The MSD portion involves the construction of a storm water pipe through the site. The weather has had a severe impact on this project. We are currently expecting to have the facility open to in August, 2011. We working on opening the basketball courts earlier than the scheduled opening of the overall facility.

Rev. Smith stated that he appreciates all of the work that Mike Thomas and his staff have put in over the last few weeks.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Paul Macke

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

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING

The next meeting of the Public Recreation Commission will be held on Tuesday, June 21st, 2011 at 4:00 pm at the Main Office of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission, 805 Central Ave., Cincinnati, OH (02), Suite 800.

Meeting adjourned by Rev. Kazava Smith at 5:25 pm.

Kazava Smith, President

Michael Thomas, Acting Director

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