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Meeting Minutes - Approved WARNER PARK COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

Thursday, January 23, 2014

6:00 PM

Warner Park Community Recreation Center
1625 Northport Dr.

I CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Larry Palm; Anita Weier; Nikki J. Sanders; Soncerethia Clair-Thomas;
David E. Carpenter and Terrence D. Tiedt

Excused: 2 - David L. Wallner and Sharon Rounds

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Tiedt, second by Carpenter, to Approve the Minutes of
November 21, 2013. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

III PUBLIC COMMENT

No public registrations

IV REPORT OF CHAIR

A. Laptops

Alder Anita Weier reported that Dennis Tiziani, owner of Cherokee Park Inc., offered to supply laptop computers to WPCRC for youth or adults to use on a check out basis. He has donated laptops to Lakeview and Gompers Elementary schools. The laptops at the schools are kept on carts so that the student can wheel the cart to an appropriate area and begin usage. There was no discussion as to whether proposed usage at WPCRC would be for youth only or whether adults could also use them on a check out basis. The laptops could not be taken outside of the building. Carpenter suggested that this proposal might be put on hold until the new Director officially starts some time in February.

Nikki Sanders questioned how and by whom the laptops would be maintained to be in good working condition.

Alder Larry Palm noted that many young people now use I-pads for some of their work. There were other questions related to the different types of products and their maintenance. Eric Knepp stated that Madison libraries have successful check out and maintenance programs.

Carpenter requested to have the laptop topic placed on the Chair's Report and referred to the next meeting for further discussion.

Knepp introduced Dawn Grosdidier, the Parks Division new Community Services Manager. Dawn will oversee WPCRC and other Parks' facilities.

Knepp gave a brief summary of the new Director's background and qualifications. His name is Jacob Tisue and he is from Cottage Grove WI. His job-related experience includes working at the Boys and Girls Club of Waterloo Iowa and he currently volunteers at Rutabaga which has an excellent youth program.

Knepp stated that the choice of a new director was a difficult one as all 3 finalists had very good qualifications for the position. Jacob has the advantage that he has been to WPCRC and has knowledge about the community and what they want and what WPCRC has to offer.

V REPORT OF FACILITY MANAGER

A. Administrative Report - November-December 2013

Dabbert referred the committee to the written report for November and December which was included in the agenda packet. Nikki Sanders had questions regarding some of the statistics and inquired about the prices for various memberships available at WPCRC. Dabbert noted that membership brochures are available and on display at the front desk and stated that prices have not been raised for 2014 for any of the membership types.

B. Hiring Status

Discussed under Chair's report.

VI REPORTS OF AFFILIATES

A. MSCR - November-December 2013

Janet Dyer reported that the winter session of classes had already begun. She noted that WPCRC, MSCR and NESCO were trying to obtain a ping pong table for the game room. This is a collaborative effort by the 3 agencies in the building.

Sanders asked if all of the WPCRC activities could be put in one section of the MSCR Activity Guide. MSCR organizes the guide by types of activities and not locations but Dyer will look into grouping the Warner Park Activities together on the website.

Sanders also requested that open gym times be put on the WPCRC website. It was explained that open gym times vary daily and it would be a difficult task to keep this completely updated. Knepp stated that City Parks is trying to upgrade Warner Park's website and aiming toward a "mobile" website in the future. RecTrac does offer the mobile apps.

B. NESCO - November-December 2013

Jim Krueger stated that there is not a lot of activity taking place in January and referred the committee to the written reports for various event participations.

Other Discussion:

Terry Tiedt reported on NESYB (NorthEastSide Youth Basketball). He stated there are about 200-250 youth participating and the teams practice and have games at WPCRC. This is a school based organization and they have many invitations to outside tournaments. Tiedt likes to keep a close association with Madison East High School working with tournaments. NESYB is always looking for volunteers and one very important position that is vacant is a volunteer accountant. Tryouts will soon take place for Spring and Summer teams. Tiedt also remarked that visitors from other teams always praise WPCRC as a beautiful facility.

Alder Weier reminded everyone about the July 5th event. There will be a kids' bike parade in the morning to start the event. There will be many events for all ages in the park and local restaurants may offer food to purchase. Fireworks will take place in the Mallards Stadium.

The July 5th event planning meets the first Wednesday of each month at WPCRC.

Carpenter noted that an election for vice-president is needed since Paul Van Rooy had held that position but was no longer the NESCO representative.

VII ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Weier, second by Sanders, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.