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Meeting Minutes - Approved WARNER PARK COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

Thursday, May 26, 2016

6:00 PM

Warner Park Community Recreation Center
1625 Northport Dr.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

YES BY ALL EXCEPT, ABSTAIN: ANITA PALMER, AND SHARON ROUNDS

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

With the changing of the board we have no new business to add this meeting will have for future.

REPORT OF CHAIR

- Anita Palmer joins the subcommittee today. long time member of WPCRC.
- Jacob and Nikki on June 21st to meet regarding her role as chair.
- Nikki is excited for her new role.

REPORT OF FACILITY MANAGER

A. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- New building cleaner has be hired, training currently but will be working weekends mostly.
- Replaced 10 tables for the facility and they are lighter and more compact. By Jan or Feb should have all of them replaced. The old ones are surplusd out through the city. We don't store them here.

Programs & Events:

- Warner Family Fun Nights

- o April 8 – 146 participants
- o May 13 – 167 participants
- o June 10
- Will not be grilling but will be doing free hayrides for last Family Fun Night.

Sunday Supper – May 29 (Willy Street Co-op)

- Dale Matthew has stepped down from Sunday Supper so Willy Street Coop will be hosting/catering. Abba is coming to give updates regarding Northside News, etc...

- Summer Program –
 - o Capoeira Class (Friday afternoons)
 - o Instructor – Brendan Loula

Capoeira (pronounced ka-poe-AE-rha) is a Brazilian art form that fuses self defense, dance, music and acrobatics. It is said to be a child conceived in Africa but born and raised in Brazil. It was born as a form of self-liberation for African slaves against their Portuguese slave masters and as such, it had to be disguised through music and dance so as not to reveal its true martial nature. Having survived the abolition of slavery in Brazil in 1888, Capoeira continued to be illegal and associated with gang warfare until the 1930's when it was taken off the streets and brought into the classroom. From that point until today, Capoeira has grown in popularity and come to be known in and outside of Brazil as a rich ambassador for the Brazilian culture.

In spite of its history, Capoeira is a playful art form. The very verb used in Portuguese to practice Capoeira is jogar or to play. It is always played in a circle, or roda (pronounced: ho-da), where the participants are both the musicians and the players. Call and response singing is accompanied by an atabaque (drum), pandeiro (tambourine), and berimbau. The bow-like instrument, or berimbau, commands the rhythm of the roda and of the games that are played. Within the roda, the game is a conversation between two people using the language of Capoeira, testing one another's skills with a combination of rhythmic movements, kicks, and dodges. Nothing is choreographed.

Capoeira is an incredibly rich and multi-dimensional art—a means for learning a new culture, language and body expression. It teaches its practitioners strength, grace, flexibility, quick reflex and spontaneity. As many actions and songs in Capoeira are best not to translate, it teaches the cadenced language of Portuguese and with it the culture of Brazil. Above all, it joyfully challenges us to link our body's movements with our mind and the music—a union that creates beautiful results both in the Capoeira roda and in our outside lives.

The roda, or circle, where capoeira is practiced, is a metaphor for life. At different stages in our lives, we have different skills that we focus on. As such we believe that whether one approaches capoeira through its history, movement or the music, everyone has access to this rich and beautiful art form.

- Northside bus going to a variety of stores
- Community outreach:
- PBS (positive behavior system?) Northside Pride a subcommittee meeting at blackhawk schools.

B. USAGE REPORT

- Launching a membership campaign for the exercise room membership.
- Loss of hours in the summer, maybe a reason we loss members per Carrie Braxton.

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVES

A. MSCR COMMITTEE

- Winter/Spring session winding down.
- Kids Kamp starting, we will have 6 inclusion staff working this summer.
- We are conducting interviews at this time.
- We are currently full with 65-70 kids per week.
- We are also a free meal site for Madison, any child 18 and under can come and eat breakfast and/or lunch.

B. NESCO COMMITTEE

- Dementia Friendly site now after completing training and certification.
- Rose Cooper won submitted essay contest in partners with Senior Centers.
- Healthfair attendance was down but still a good crowd.
- Black Tie Bingo was very successful this year.
- Summer Concert series starts in June.
- Farmer's market June 13th voucher distribution for seniors
- Senior dance troop starting June 23rd
- Men's support group for those whom have lost their partners 10-12 people per group.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Outreach possibilities and perceptions to continue
- Stephanie Franklin may be awhile before she is able to come to talk to us possibly October
- Kids & Nature walk update (troy gardens/community groundworks)
- Report on PBS program
- Northside Planning Council-Feed kitchen and other items to bridge the information gap
- Job fair?

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