

Minutes of the Recreation Advisory Commission
Tuesday, December 14, 2021 6:30 P.M.
Zoom Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT Stacy Ebron, Hadil Ghoneim, Naomi Goldberg, Tim Genyk, Glenn Nelson, Larry O'Connell, Hannah Smith, Zachary Weiner

CITY MEMBERS ELECT PRESENT Nick Crowe, Kurt Svoboda

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT Jenna Bacolor, Josh Landefeld, Jen Eyer

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS Jenna Bacolor called the meeting to order at 6:38 P.M

- A. The committee participated in round robin introductions
- B. Jenna Bacolor explained the agenda and the chair and vice chair positions
- C. Larry O'Connell volunteered for the chair position and Naomi Goldberg volunteered for the Vice chair position.
 - a. Eligible committee members voted by secret ballot in the zoom chat.
 - b. Larry O'Connell and Naomi Goldberg were unanimously elected to their respective positions.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the May 11, 2021 meeting. A motion was made by Stacy Ebron that the meeting minutes of May 11, 2021, be approved. On a unanimous vote, Larry O'Connell declared the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Officer Elections
 - a. Completed in the Introduction section of the meeting
- B. Welcome new BOE members
 - a. Larry O'Connell welcomed the new BOE members
- C. Update on City Council process of appointing members
 - a. Josh Landefeld updated RAC on the city process for appointing new RAC members. The new members were appointed on December 6, 2021. They will move to approval during the December 20, 2021 city council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Rec & Ed Budget Briefing

- a. Donna Dishman - Finance Director for Rec & Ed, gave an update on the 2021 [Rec & Ed year end financial summary](#).
- b. Questions:
 - i. Glenn Nelson asked about the fund equity and Donna Dishman assured the commission in her confidence that the fund equity would be intact at the end of the fiscal year.
 - ii. Larry O'Connell asked when the fiscal year was for Rec & Ed. Donna Dishman answered July 1 - June 30.
 - iii. Larry O'Connell asked about a projected budget and Donna Dishman answered that the goal is a \$0 balance at the end of the year.
 - iv. Stacy Ebron asked who qualified for the childcare network grant. Donna Dishman explained the grant would cover students in the Extended Day Program, Enrichment classes or winter camp who qualify for scholarships based on income or the free/reduced lunch program.
 - v. Naomi Goldberg asked for clarification that Rec & Ed had covered the scholarships in the past. Jenna Bacolor answered yes and expanded on how we marketed the new scholarships.
 - vi. Glenn Nelson asked about staffing at Rec & Ed. Donna Dishman answered yes, staffing is very difficult.

B. Rec & Ed's Fall Program Update

- a. Jenna Bacolor, Executive Director of Rec & Ed, presented the [Fall Program Update](#)
- b. Questions
 - i. Jen Eyer commented on the challenge of kids wanting free play after school, not more programs. Jenna Bacolor answered they hoped to offer more childcare; a choice based activity, but staffing is the hurdle.
 - ii. Naomi Goldberg commented that she is excited Rec & Ed is looking forward and asked if the department had had conversations with the University of Michigan. Jenna Bacolor answered that the Superintendent has had conversations with the University about the childcare crisis.
 - iii. Stacy Ebron expressed a need for a survey to parents on after school enrichment course offerings for their school.

- A. Report from Parks Advisory Committee (PAC) - Josh Landefeld
 - a. Applicant pool is down 40% with serious staffing issues
 - b. Customer engagement is a challenge. Customers are quick to be aggressive and difficult to the front line workers.
 - c. Parks Manager is retiring on January 3, 2022. Josh will become interim parks manager.
 - d. The Natural Area Preservation Manager will retire in February.
 - e. Parks will be completing an open space plan - guiding principles for the next five years.
 - f. Facilities: Ice Rinks are busy.
- B. Report from Parks and Recreation - Josh Landefeld
 - a. Same report as above
- C. Report from Community Education & Recreation - Jenna Bacolor
 - a. No further report.

TRANSMITTALS - None

ADJOURNMENT - Larry O'Connell adjourned the meeting at 8:02 P.M.

The next RAC meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hepp
Recording Secretary