



CITY OF DOVER

POOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Dover Indoor Pool Meeting Room, 6 Henry Law Ave, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: Monday, March 20, 2023
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

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Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:10.

Roll Call: Jess Bonello, Pat Campbell, Christophe Cloitre, Tim Paiva, Suzanne Petersen (citizen volunteer)

City Personnel Present: Gary Bannon, Erika Friedman, Deb Hackett

Absent: Chris Sleys, Steve Wyman

Approval of Agenda: n/a

Approval of Minutes from November 21, 2022:

Tim Paiva made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jess Bonello seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Citizens' Forum: n/a

Election of Officers:

Tim Paiva made a motion to continue with Christophe Cloitre as chair and Jess Bonello as vice chair. Pat Campbell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

Gary:

- The cold snap stressed the pipes, but resulted in only minor freezing. No damage was recorded.
- New lights have been installed in the tunnel outside the meeting room and can be turned on during dark days. Lighting for the whale tail on the roof and the south wall mural is being installed currently and should be operational very soon.
- The Rotary Pavilion amphitheater lacks shade. The city is looking at purchasing shade sails.

Erika:

- Staffing in all business sectors continues to be tight. The two full-time pool staffers have been spending an excessive amount of time on deck due to frequent changes in staff availability. The spring schedule was created in coordination with guidance from Gary to maximize safety, accommodate staff availability, and minimize week-to-week changes in swim times. The resulting schedule has been in effect for a week. Some hard-to-staff slots were cut significantly, but patrons are generally adapting well.
- Swim lesson times are being maximized. Classes are being offered during the day, weekends, and evenings to children and adults. Most classes are full and wait lists are still present. Demand continues to build and it is clear that demand is not simply residual backlog from Covid.



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- Revenue from lessons is expected to be very strong.

Old Business:

Budget Approval Status:

- Gary made his presentation to the city council a few weeks ago.
- Total rec department budget has a 3.9% increase, due mostly to personnel costs, insurance, and utilities.
- Passage as presented is expected.

Athletic Facility Proposal Update:

- The lead group has invited proposals. Responses so far have not been what was hoped. The group will continue to seek additional proposals.
- The group is looking to find a grant writer to help them raise funds to do a feasibility study. The city has made it clear that it will not provide any funding for a feasibility study.
- Portsmouth also appears to be interested in potentially building a competition athletic facility.

Jenny Thompson Pool Renovation Plan Status:

- The full evaluation of the pool has been completed. The next step is to break that whole into smaller parts for financing and staging.
- Gary is looking into grant opportunities that might help cover more of the full costs. The current City funding plus the future CIP requests and the grant if received will reach about 75% of the estimated costs.
- The city has received funding to improve parking to meet ADA requirements. The work might be completed this fall, but there are no certain time lines at present.
- The pool will open as usual this summer.

New Business:

Pool Activity Schedule Changes:

Discussed under Reports Erika

Programs Update:

Discussed under Reports Erika

Other:

- A committee member asked if a pool Easter egg hunt might be offered this year. The topic has been discussed by the staff. Setting it up for this year is probably too late, but it is a strong possibility for future years. The staff has also been working on offering other special events, such as a pool movie.



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Adjournment:

Tim Paiva made a motion to adjourn. Chris Cloitre seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50.