



CITY OF DOVER

DOVER POOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Indoor Pool, Meeting Room, Henry Law Ave, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: Monday, May 6, 2013
Meeting Time: 7:00pm

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Members Present: Dick Arnold, Jess Bonello, Pat Campbell, Sue Medbery, Tim Paiva
Staff present: Mick Arsenault, Gary Bannon
Guests: Christophe Cloitre, Suzanne Petersen
Absent: Phil Read, Michael Weeden

Meeting was called to order at 7:04.

Approval of Agenda: Tim made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Jess seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from April 1, 2013: Dick made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sue seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Reports:

Gary:

- ADA lifts are needed for both pools. The lift at the Indoor Pool can be utilized with both the main pool and the dive well. Each facility must have its own lift. Each chair will cost \$4-5,000.
- The Henry Law Park improvement plan is being finalized. Sponsors for individual components will be sought. The goal is to begin work in the spring of 2014.
- It was noted that DARE had made a request to city officials that no smoking be allowed in the park. The status of that request is unknown at this time.

Mick:

- The outdoor pool is gearing up for the summer season and is almost ready to go. It is heated and the chemicals have been added. SSA will begin practicing there on May 10. SSA will help with outside clean-up.
- Spring lessons are over. Registration for summer lessons will take place on June 1 for Dover residents and June 8 for everybody.
- Indoor Pool staff is in transition as the college year ends. Five to seven new hires are expected. No additional hours will be offered.
- Meets at the outdoor pool will take place May 31 to June 2, June 14-16, June 28-30, and July 11-14.
- Mick will be heading to Boston soon to see ADA lifts in use there.



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- Jenny Thompson Swim Clinic June 8:
 - All SSA coaches will be helping out.
 - Dick Arnold and Becky Malone will be taking photos.
 - Event t-shirt is being designed by one of the life-guards who is studying graphic design.
 - Despite interest, no swimmers have signed up yet. Swimmers registered closer to the event date last year, so this is not especially worrisome. Tim offered to contact other team coaches.

Fundraising/Marketing:

Nothing new to add that has not been reported by Gary or Mick.

Long-Range Planning:

Tim reported that the intent-to-lease-land document will be submitted soon to the city council. Documents in support of 501 (c) (3) non-profit status will be submitted soon to the IRS.

Finance and Budget:

Dick noted that the numbers are good and that Gary and Mick are doing a good job staying on top of things. The only noteworthy item is lower-than-expected fundraising.

Sale of Pool Advertising:

Gary handed out sponsor packages and flyers created by the new marketing person, Alex Shaffer. The focus will be on the outdoor pool to take advantage of high summer traffic to that pool.

Recruitment of New Committee Members:

- Christophe Cloitre introduced himself as a potential new member. He learned to swim at the indoor pool and now swims with Great Bay Masters. Members welcomed him and encouraged him to apply.
- Committee members were encouraged to invite other potential members to attend a meeting and apply for nomination.

Budget:

- The city council has received the budget. The city side seems to be OK, but the school budget is over the limit. The pools seem to be safe, but if city expenses are trimmed to allow for more school spending, things could get sticky. Gary has been proactive in educating the council that the average household in Dover pays \$54.00/year for recreational services (less than 1% of the total bill), and of that \$21 supports the pools.



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The public hearing is May 22 and the final budget must be approved by June 12 at the latest.

Indoor Pool Roof Project:

Gary reported that borings had been taken on the roof in preparation for seeking bids for the job. It was determined that some moisture in the roof originates inside the building. The roof at the city hall's auditorium also needs to be replaced. If the two jobs are joined as one, the pool roof replacement might be delayed due to the more complicated contract.

City Council Liaison:

Gary brought the committee's concerns about a lack of representation to the council to the city manager who then brought it to the mayor's attention. The mayor reportedly made clear that the rep must attend regular DPAC meetings, but the issue remains unresolved.

Miscellaneous:

One member asked how progress was coming on the city's promised adoption of allowing payments with credit cards. The best answer at present is that the city is working on it, but it is not settled.

Adjournment: Dick made a motion to adjourn. Sue seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne