



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, October 20, 2014
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

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Members Present: Dick Arnold, Pat Campbell, Sue Medbery, Tim Paiva, Suzanne Petersen (honorary)

City Staff Present: Gary Bannon

Absent: Mick Arsenault (excused), Jess Bonello, Christophe Cloitre (excused), John O'Connor (excused)

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Pat made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Sue seconded. Agenda was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from September 15, 2014: Sue made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Pat seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Citizens' Forum: n/a

Reports:

Gary:

- The budget schedule has been moved up so that the draft budget will now be due in November.
- Many people commented on plans for Henry Law Park during Apple Harvest Day.
- The drizzle on Apple Harvest day thinned the crowd a bit, but many people still stopped by. Many lesson schedules and free day passes were given out.
- The city council will vote on Oct. 22 on whether to accept the donation of the retired gundalow for Henry Law Park. The vessel is not seaworthy and needs a permanent home on land. If accepted, the boat will be used as a stage. Visitors will be free to climb on and explore the boat when staged activities are not taking place. The Gundalow Company and the Children's Museum will handle maintenance.
- Applications for weekend custodian at the indoor pool are being accepted.

Mick (as reported by Gary):

- New life guards have been hired, but a few more are still needed.
- Fall lessons are full and have begun.
- High school swim teams will begin practicing in November. Many teams have more swimmers and are looking for more time to accommodate more people.

Long-Range Planning:

- The JTAC board has signed a contract with GeoInsight to conduct test borings at Maglaras Park.
- A few general contractors have been contacted to start preliminary planning.



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Finance and Budget:

- Figures so far this year look good.
- Options for accepting credit card payments are still being investigated. Gary is meeting weekly with the finance department and the IT director. They are trying to determine the best deal per volume. It was suggested that desk attendants ask patrons if they would pay by credit or debit if those were options.
- John O'Connor reported to the city council that the net cost to the city to run the pools in FY 2014 was the lowest ever. The news was gladly received.

Rotary Pavilion Trim Project:

The project is winding down and the new trim looks good. The connection between the pavilion and the pool building seems to have withstood last week's heavy rain. Leaks there should not be a problem going forward.

Advertising Revenue:

A medical facility new to Dover is very eager to buy up lots of advertising space at both pools. They want billboard size ads and a long-term contract. Gary is recommending less space. Revenue from all advertising could be in the \$10-12,000 range per year.

Chamber of Commerce Relationship:

Dick has made an initial visit and will follow up.

Other:

- Other recreation advisory committees are considering alternatives to meeting each month. Does DPAC want to consider an alternative? DPAC would need to plan strategically to forecast busy times. More discussion at the next meeting.
- A request was made to track humidity. Active swimmers have a harder time when the humidity gets too high.
- Patrons look forward to weekend cleanings of the locker rooms.

Adjournment:

Tim made a motion to adjourn. Sue seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

Submitted by Suzanne Petersen