



CITY OF DOVER

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, 61 Locust Street, Dover, NH 03820
Senior Center Activity Room
Meeting Date: Monday, January 08, 2018
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

Call to Order at 7:01 PM

Roll Call

Attendance: David Beaulieu, Martha Haley (Secretary), Cindy Imbro, Krista Morris, Peg Purcell (Chair), Heather Twombly, Aaron Wozmak (Alternate), Gary Bannon (Director of Recreation), John O'Connor, Rick Schnable (Alternate), Lyndsay Williams (City Council Liaison)

Absent: Mara Allaire, James Boos, Brandy Maas, Aimee Sanderson, Krista Trefethen

Approval of Minutes for December 11 Meeting

Motion to approve by C. Imbro, Second by D. Beaulieu. Unanimous Approval

Citizen's Forum:

John O'Connor was present and stated he is currently awaiting approval of his appointment to the RAB as a regular member

Election of Officers:

The following slate of officers was nominated and unanimously approved to serve as officers for the upcoming year:

Peg Purcell: Chairwoman

James Boos: Vice-Chair

Martha Haley: Secretary

Reports

Advisory Board

Recreation Director

Counselor Lyndsay Williams has been officially appointed by the Council as the Liaison to the RAB.

Gary reported that they have been doing their best to maintain operations throughout the winter weather. The McConnell Center has been used intermittently during the recent cold weather as a warming station. Gary stated the City of Dover works with a regional group to determine the needs for shelter in the cold weather. The City has an agreement with Crossroads House to provide overnight shelter for Dover residents as needed. The supplies of cots, blankets, etc. are stored in a trailer in Rochester, so the Community Center in Rochester was utilized because there was a greater need for shelter in Rochester. Cindy expressed concern for several homeless individuals she knows of in Dover, and with the recent cold spell, if they were able to access the shelter in Rochester. Gary explained that the Police Department and other City departments work together to keep track of these individuals, and make an effort to ensure these people are able to access shelter and other needed services.



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Most of the buildings of the Rec Department have held up well during the cold weather. There was a problem at the indoor pool with a water pipe related to the cold.

Assistant Director: Gary reported in Krista's absence. Krista has been working very hard with the basketball program. She is busy with coordinating schedules and officiating. The loss of the Garrison School gym as result of construction, for the next 18 months, has resulted in changes in venues for several programs.

Senior Center programs are busy, including travel programs. Senior Center Christmas party was well-attended and successful.

Old Business:

Waterfront Park and Dock Status: Bidding was awarded to the Dock Doctors from Burlington, VT. Great Bay Rowing Association donated \$19,000 to the construction of the dock, along with grant money, is being used to fund the construction. The design is being fine-tuned, with the plan of spring installation, so that it will be available for use by the public. A plan for future winter removal of the dock is being developed. All departments are coordinating to complete the project. Peg asked if the City is going to be completing the site work at the dock area.

Budget Status: The budget is in the submittal stage, and will be finalized for submitting to the Council by March. Several major items that are included: a new bus for the Senior Programming. The bus is also utilized for other needs by the City. The indoor pool boiler is also slated for replacement. John O. encouraged members of the RAB to attend budget meetings in support of the Recreation Department. Gary stated there are other special events that are part of the Recreation Program, which requires planning several years out, such as the Dover 400th Celebration.

Dave Hurlbert has submitted his resignation to the Board, due to family commitments.

Olympian Recognition Signage Details: Gary asked if there is anyone else that should be included in the sign of recognition, such as Jenny Marshall, an Olympic rower. The list must be included in a resolution to be presented to the City Council. Rick Schnable volunteered to take the lead in developing the list and will work with Cindy Imbro to develop criteria for inclusion on the sign.

New Business

Henry Law Park Playground Work Status: Plans for brickwork are being completed. A CDBG grant has been given for purchase of shade component, Gary is working on this. The Whale's Tail is still in the works. Gary is working with a company to develop the plan for installation. Competitive pricing is being sought for the installation.



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Awards Program Planning: Annual awards banquet is scheduled for Thursday, March 29 at 6:00 PM at the Moose Hall. Gary will be getting the applications out to the leagues for volunteer and sponsor nominations. Gary will be asking RAB members to solicit sponsorships to cover the cost of the banquet.

Skatepark Relocation Planning: James Boos is attending a meeting in Stratham tonight of the Town council to provide assistance for planning their skate park. The skate park in Dover will be relocated, as there is blasting of the bluff area adjacent to the park. There are many variables that are affecting the timeline of the move. There will be a lag time from when the current park is closed and when the new park opens. Lyndsay stated that the city of Lebanon just completed a new skate park, she has some contacts who have been involved with that project, and will seek input to assist with development of the new Dover Skate Park.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by M. Haley, second by D. Beaulieu. Unanimously approved.
Adjourn at 8:03PM

Respectfully submitted,
Martha J Haley, Secretary