



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, February 12, 2018
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

Call to Order: 7:04 PM by Acting Chair Cindy Imbro

Roll Call

Attendance: Martha Haley (Secretary), David Hurlburt, Cindy Imbro, Brandy Maas (Alternate), Heather Twombly (Alternate), Aimee Sanderson, Rick Schnable (Alternate), Lindsey Williams (Council Liaison), Gary Bannon (Director of Recreation),

Absent: Mara Allaire, David Beaulieu, James Boos (Vice-Chair), Peg Purcell (Chair), John O'Connor, Aaron Wozmak, Krista Trefethen

Approval of Minutes for January 8, 2018

Motion to approve by A. Sanderson, Second by R. Schnable. Unanimous approval
Citizen's forum:

Citizens Forum

No citizens present for forum.

Reports

Advisory Board

No reports from Board Members

Recreation Director: Gary reports programs are going well at all facilities, there have been a few weather-related issues, but events are only cancelled when the public safety may be at risk.

McConnell Center parking becomes an issue in the winter when there are several events scheduled, due to limited parking, especially when snow is taking up spaces. The Recreation Department tries to schedule other activities such as additional meetings or conferences at 'off-peak' times. When the Robbins Building is demolished within the next month, parking in the area will be impacted. Cindy asked if McConnell Center staff park in the lot behind the building. Gary stated some do, but must park along the side or in the far end, to accommodate patrons of the Recreation Center and other programs in the building. Rick Schnable asked if the City has considered installing a parking meter system for the lot. Gary reported this has been considered, but it creates other concerns. They are also exploring adding several spaces on the other side of the Monument by the front of the Library for 30-minute spaces.

Gary is looking at replacing equipment in the Fitness Center, including treadmills, step mill, weight equipment, scoreboard in the gym, etc.



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Assistant Director: Gary reported in Krista's absence. The basketball youth programs are winding up, high school and Men's league continues into March. Some travel teams continue into April. Spring sports sign ups have started. Another round of sign-ups takes place the first week of March.

Senior Center programs continue to be popular, including travel programs. Linda Jarvis does a great job with providing a variety of day trips and extended tours. The senior fitness and yoga classes are well-attended

Old Business

Waterfront Park and Dock Status: The contract has been signed with Dock Doctors to construct the paddle sports dock. The cleats will be a fold-down model, designed for paddle sports such as kayaks or canoes. This will facilitate seasonal removal of the docks as well. Spring installation is planned, exact date to be determined. An agreement for access with Great Bay Rowing is being formulated, as they have contributed a generous amount to the construction of the dock.

The design of a park building is beginning, to fit in with the overall development of the Park. Several meetings with the State of NH have been taking place, regarding the permitting process.

Budget Status: Gary is meeting with the City Manager on Wednesday, February 14 to review the Rec. Department budget. The budget process continues into May. It appears it will be a tight budget this year and Gary is anticipating a level-funded budget. The actual cost to the citizens is about \$32/household as most of the funding for programs comes from user fees. Programs like the Senior Center trips bring in a profit that helps to offset the costs of other programs.

Olympian Recognition Signage Details:

Cindy and Rick have been working on **Guidelines to be Recognized as a Dover Olympian or Para-Olympian.**

A draft for these guidelines was distributed and reviewed by the Board. Rick and Cindy provided some rationale for selection. The majority of those members present felt a team member should have competed, not just have been selected to a team. Discussion also included whether the US Olympic committee considers the athlete an Olympian.

Review of current Olympians being considered for recognition:

Jenny Thompson
Cathy Schiro Obrien
Jessica Parratto
Barb Marois
Jenny Marshall



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Lindsay expressed that the Olympian should consider Dover their home when they competed. Lindsey provided some insight regarding the process, as her hometown of Norwich, VT recognizes many Olympians from their town.

Rick stated he felt a stipulation should be made that if an Olympian commits a crime or other act that would bring dishonor to the distinction for the city, removal from recognition should be at the discretion of the Board. Rick and Cindy will review the Guidelines based on input from the Board and present at the next meeting.

Gary will post a notice on the Dover Download online to ask for public input to determine if there are other Olympians to be recognized.

New Business

Skate Park Relocation Planning: Gary feels this should continue to be on the agenda for the Board, so that the future of the Skate Park will be continually addressed to facilitate progression of the design and relocation of the park. James Boos has been working with other cities who have skate parks to seek advice for the new Dover skate park. Gary will be proposing funding from the CDBG at the Planning Board this week, for initial planning and design of the new skate park. There are many pieces to the puzzle.

Awards Program: Award nominations are due this Friday, February 16. Gary would like the Board to meet to review the applications for awards within the next month. Cindy reviewed for new members the process for reviewing and selecting award recipients. The majority of those present agreed to February 27 at 7PM for the date of the meeting to review applications.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by M. Haley, second by A. Sanderson. Unanimously approved.
Adjourn at 8:17 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Martha J Haley, Secretary