

**City of Concord Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee
DRAFT Meeting Notes from November 21, 2019 Meeting**

Committee Members: Chiara Dolcino, Stacey Brown, City Councilor Gail Matson, Chair Mary Miller, City Councilor Candace White Bouchard, Marilyn Fraser, Nick Kotkowski, Althea Barton

Staff Members: Parks and Recreation Director, David Gill, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director, Laura Bryant and City Planner, Heather Shank

Meeting was called to order at 5:32pm by Chair Mary Miller

Candace made a motion to accept minutes from August 2019 meeting, second by Gail, approved.

Guests: Chris, Tara & Elizabeth Thompson, Kurt Davis, Esther Dickinson, Nora Ismael (potential Ward 9 member)

New Business:

After introductions David gave the floor to Elizabeth Thompson. Elizabeth is working on her bronze award for Girl Scouts and came to ask for RPACs support. For her project Elizabeth would like to create a water station at Terrill Parks for dogs. She will raise money for her project by selling dog treats and dog toys at places like Sandy's and Midnight Merriment.

RPAC agreed to support Elizabeth's efforts.

Council referral – White Park Pool Weekend Hours

Esther Dickinson addressed RPAC with concerns about the weekend hours of White Park pool. As a mother of young children she would like to see the weekend hours include more morning access as well as evenings. Laura Bryant indicated it would cost approximately \$1,600 to keep the pool open Saturday and Sundays from 10 am to 12 noon and would result in approximately \$600 in lost revenue from private parties. RPAC had a brief discussion and recommend staff request funding to keep White Park Pool open from 10 am to 12 noon both Saturday and Sunday morning. This change would result in no private rentals on the weekends at White Park Pool

Nick motioned to support the change, second by Marilyn, approved.

Council Referral – Senior Program request for Evening Activities

Council received a request that more evening senior activities be added. Marilyn has spoken to a couple of residents who mentioned they are still working and would like some more evening options of programs like Bone Builders and Senior Fitness. Candace will have them contact Laura directly.

Summer Camp Update

Laura discussed the success of the 2019 summer camps at the City Wide Community Center. Laura shared revenue numbers as well as participant numbers which showed over half of the camp weeks to have waitlists. Due to the success of the traditional day camps the plan is to expand for summer 2020.

Update on Carry in/Carry out Pilot Project

While overall trash has been reduced in the 3 designated parks, we are still seeing dog waste left behind where the trash cans used to be. RPAC discussed ways to reduce dog walkers leaving dog waste in the parks. David did indicate he has received several complaints from residents related to no trash cans in those parks and indicated he will place them back in spring. David also noted they remove many of the trash cans in the parks during the winter months.

Senior Passport – Walking Program

Due to lack of a quorum last meeting we had to vote again to include senior walking as part of the Senior Passport program. Gail motioned to accept, second by Stacey, approved.

Monkey Around Playground Update

David gave quick update about the project. On December 12th we will be hosting a Design Day with Leathers the chosen vendor. We will visit 2 elementary schools and also hold a community meeting that evening.

November 29 – CWCC Open

David let RPAC know that the Community Center would be open in Friday November 29 (the day after Thanksgiving) in order to host a blood drive. In addition we will also offer Family Open Gym and Pickleball Drop In.

Gail made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:30pm, seconded by Stacey, passed.

Submitted by Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Laura Bryant