

**City of Concord Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes from May 22, 2014**

Attendees:

Committee Members: Jamie Bryant, Lauren Fielder, Chiara Dolcino, Glen Mathews, Marilyn Anne Fraser, Althea Barton. City Councilor Candace White Bouchard and City Councilor Gail Matson.

Staff Members: Parks and Recreation Director David Gill.

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Lauren Fielder.

Meeting minutes approval. Last meeting minutes were not presented. David apologized for not bring copies and will for next meeting. Meeting minutes would have been from March meeting. Althea also asked if we can look at the web site and make sure old meeting minutes are posted. David will follow up.

New Business

1. Concord School District request for new storage sheds at Memorial Field (Matt Cashman) David Gill indicated Matt called and could not be at the meeting and then he will be added to a future meeting. Mr. Gill gave a short update on their request to add two new portable storage sheds to help serve as a team room for sports and for storage of the team equipment.

2. Concord Grange Request for new flag pole at Keach Park. (Dick Patten). Mr. Patten did not show up for the meeting. David Gill highlighted their request for a flag pole and that the Concord Grange is willing to pay the entire cost of the installation of the flag pole. Mr. Gill indicated he will follow up with Dick Patten to have him come to the June meeting.

3. Community Center Design Schedule. David Gill highlighted the upcoming schedule for the design of the proposed new community center. The city is having “stakeholders” meetings on Thursday, June 29 and the design team would like to meet with RPAC at 5 pm. In total over twenty different groups have been invited. Then on June 24 there will be a public meeting at 7 pm that is open to the public. Mr. Gill mentioned currently in FY14 there is enough money for 15-20% design and that he is hopefully City Council will fully fund the remaining design money in FY15.

4. FY15 Budget Review: David Gill highlighted the FY15 budget schedule which will be held on May 31 from 8 am – 4 pm. Lauren asked if there was any major in the budget affecting Parks and Rec? David highlighted the Manager has recommended pay raises for seasonal “temp” summer recreation staff (first time in 7 years) and the Manager is recommending the full design of the community center in FY15.

5. Staff Update: David Gill highlighted the department is still looking for 20 lifeguards. Council Bouchard asked what some of the possible causes are. Mr. Gill mentioned this is the first time he has ever had a shortage and he has worked for the City since 1998. He thinks it relates to hourly pay rates and cost of certifications which is now over \$300. He is hopeful he will be able to hire enough staff for the upcoming season. He asked everyone to spread the word.

6. New Summer Brochure Highlights: David passed out copies of the new main summer brochure and talked about the upcoming pool schedules and camps. Althea asked if the new program coordinator can come to the next meeting to be introduced. David indicated yes she will be at the next meeting.

Old Business:

1. Making Strides Walkway Update: David indicated the group has decided not to move ahead with a walkway at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm