

**City of Concord Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes from December 20, 2018 Meeting**

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

Guests: Steve Michlovitz, Pickleball Player and Tim Blagden, Friends of the Concord-Lake Sunapee Rail Trail

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

Meeting was called to order at 5:34pm by Mary Miller.

Candace made a motion to accept minutes from November meeting, second by Marilyn Frazier, approved.

New Business:

Staff Recommendation for Pickleball

David Gill reviewed the request from RPAC for staff to further investigate the current Pickleball pricing and what it would take to instate a discount card. David explained there would be a cost of around \$2,000 to \$2,500 to obtain all the proper equipment needed to successfully rollout a discount card for drop in sports at Green Street Community Center. The same software that is used at the new center would be purchased for GSCC. David also reviewed pricing for Pickleball from other local facilities and showed we are at market. He recommended the current drop in rates for adult sports remain the same (\$3 residents, \$4 nonresident). Councilor Candace White Bouchard moved to advise City Council to accept staff recommendation and move forward with purchasing the necessary equipment, seconded by Marilyn Frazier, approved.

Steve then also proposed another way to offer a discount and was advised by Mary Miller to put in writing to David for RPAC to review at a future meeting.

Change in Alcohol Licensing at CWCC

David Gill reviewed the changes to the Cities liquor license ordinance. If approved, the updated ordinance would allow for renters at the center to apply to have alcohol at events held at the CWCC. The current ordinance only allowed renters who are part of a nonprofit to apply for liquor license at the center. Renters would still be required to apply for a license with the department and a licensed vendor will be required to serve the alcohol. Renters will not be allowed to bring their own alcohol into the center.

Councilor Candace White Bouchard moved to approve ordinance change, Marilyn seconded, accepted.

City Wide Community Center six month review

Laura Bryant gave an updated on all programming and events that have happened at CWCC in the 6 months we have been open.

Outdoor Skating Areas

David Gill reviewed the outdoor skating areas. Currently the department maintains the following outdoor skating areas during the winter months: White Park Pond, White Park Hockey Rink, Rollins Park and the pond at Beaver Meadow Golf Course. David indicated he has asked staff to track amount of time used to maintain the area at Rollins as over the past couple of months the weather has not been good and the amount of use by the neighborhood has been low. He also explained the priority of maintenance; White Park areas, Rollins Park and then Beaver Meadow Pond.

CWCC Roof Update

The roof over the gym at the City Wide Community Center is being replaced at no charge to the city after it was determined that the materials used are the first roofs were faulty.

Skate House Update

David Gill updated the group on the progress of the skate house. Everything is on schedule and we should be ready to open in April 2019.

The fund raising committee is and will continue to sell pavers for the patio in front of the building.

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

David reviewed all the upcoming CIP projects.

Kinetic Sculpture Race

Stacey Brown brought the idea of Concord hosting a Kinetic Sculpture Race. She has contacts that would be willing to come do a presentation to RPAC about the event. David Gill asked Stacey to have her contacts email him.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director, Laura Bryant

City Wide Community Center – six month review

December 2018 Update for the Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee

New City Wide Community Center opened on Monday, June 11, 2018.

STAFFING

As part of the new community center operation we had to hire and train several new people. A total of 12 new staff have been hired, one full time employee, two permanent part time and nine part time employees.

SUMMER CAMPS

- Hosted three traditional all day camps. Of the total of 20 weeks offered 12 were full with a waiting list.
- Hosted 8 additional contracted camps at CWCC
- With over 500 kids participating in camps based out of the new center

SENIOR PROGRAM

- 388 Senior Passport Members (as of 12/17/18)
- Over 120 participants on our Pickleball email list

ADULT PROGRAMS

- Sessions 1 & 2 Sept-Nov. 128 participants from 24 surrounding towns
- Session 1 & 2 is in line with budget estimates
- Session 3 starts mid-January 2019 – registration is underway.

PRE-SEASON BASKETBALL – ages 4 to 4th grade

- 103 players in 2018, an increase of 20 kids from last year

FACEBOOK UPDATE

- # likes as of 6/1/18: 3,445, as of 12/18/18: 3,938. 13% increase in 6 months.
- 78% are women, 21% are men
- From the following top 4 towns: Concord: 2,293, Manchester: 142, Bow: 130, Pembroke 113

EXPANDED or NEW PROGRAMS RELATED TO NEW CENTER OPERATION

- Former Community Ed Classes for adults
- Drop In Pickleball, Volleyball, Indoor Soccer and Basketball for adults
- Drop In Basketball and Volleyball for youth
- Fitness Classes for adults
- Monthly Senior Meals with CAP
- Monthly VNA Health Clinics for seniors
- Concord Public Library Heights Branch – open 16 hours a week.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Chamber Business After Hours – September 2018
- NHRPA State Conference – September 2018
- City of Concord Employee BBQ – September 2018

GYM RENTALS (this winter)

- Peak FC Soccer Club – 6 hours a week
- Capital Region Volleyball Club – 2 hours a week

OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

- Increasing rentals
- Continue to expand programming based on community needs and requests
- Market Community Center as a local and regional asset



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