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Recreation Advisory Board

January 8, 2020

The Recreation Advisory Board (REC) of the City of Annapolis held its regularly scheduled meeting on January 8, 2020 at the Roger "Pip" Moyer Recreation Center. **Chair** Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Commissioners Present: **Chair** Harrison, **Vice Chair** Moyer, C. Aist, R. Lowman, F. Montgomery

Commissioners Absent: C. Jones, M. Hughes

Staff Present: A. Trader-Director, E. Borchers

II INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Introduction of guests were made for those present.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1. December 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Lowman moved to approve the December 11, 2019 meeting minutes as submitted. **Vice Chair** Moyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote 4-0.

IV. DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

Mr. Trader reported on the Department's budget noting that the budget for the pool will be enhanced to include funding for six (6) lifeguards and five (5) front desk staff. The Department is in the process of recruiting 15-year old lifeguards to extend pool operations for an additional month. **Chair** Harrison said the Department of Health has a lifeguard certification program that Mr. Trader should consider using for the training. **Vice Chair** Moyer suggested that the Department also consider providing lifeguard training certification. Mr. Trader will also be submitting an enhancement to the budget for a Fitness Trainer to monitor the floor. He will be proposing to City Council that the Department return to 8:00am–6:00pm hours of operations on the weekends because the Center is losing money but will continue to stay open to midnight for events/rentals. He discussed performance measures that will be provided to the REC for review. He reported that the pool project is back on schedule. He will be submitting an enhancement to the budget for the Brain Strengthening Institute Program for the Dementia and Alzheimer program. The Pride of Baltimore will be coming to City Dock on March 20-26 so the Department will be negotiating to participate in a one-way cruise from City Dock to Baltimore. He also mentioned that the Friends of the Annapolis Recreation and Parks Department is discussing how to get this underway. **Chair** Harrison, Ms. Aist, and former Mayor Moyer met to discuss the Annapolis Community Foundation who could help with fundraising for Recreation Center. **Chair** Harrison has scheduled an event on August 8, 2020 as a fundraiser and discuss other opportunities for fundraising. Mr. Trader said that the Department has a need for a cash scholarship program which he agreed to discuss with **Chair** Harrison. Mr. Trader noted that the City is trying to take over the Burtis House as well as the docks.

REC CHAIR COMMENTS

Chair Harrison met with Messrs. Trader, Dillard, DeJesus regarding the status of Collinson fields. This meeting resulted in a plan to visit all of the fields Citywide to determine the status of City fields. He invited

members to attend if their schedule permits. He will send out three dates for members to consider for these visits. He noted that the Truxtun Triathlon might not happen this year because of timing but he will try to incorporate this into the July 25, 2020 Triathlon event.

V. REGULAR BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

1. Yearly Membership Comparison

There was no report however, Mr. Trader will provide this report.

2. Revenue versus Projections

There was no report however, Mr. Trader will provide this report.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Outside Tennis Courts Renovation Status

There was no report.

2. Volleyball Concerns

Mr. Lowman asked about the status of the Department's effort to get a sand Volleyball Court. Mr. Trader responded that the courts should be near the skateboard park but the procurement process has not begun yet. Mr. Lowman expressed concerns regarding the current volleyball schedule and the change in the rules.

3. Poplar Trail Extension/South Shore Trail Connection Update

Comprehensive Plan Update

Mr. Borchers mentioned that Planning and Zoning is working on the update of Comprehensive Plan so met with the Chairs of Boards and Commissions on December 2, 2019. It was a good meeting and there was a lot productive comments. He asked what goals the REC would like to see in the plan and agreed to email the request to REC for comment.

Mr. Borchers reported that the Planning and Zoning received grant funding for the south end of the bike trail.

4. Sink or Swim (SOS) Research Update

Vice Chair Moyer agreed to continue research on this agenda item.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Mr. Lowman moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. Mr. Montgomery seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 5-0.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 7:00pm at the Recreation Center.