

Recreation Advisory Committee Agenda

4/13/21

5pm

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Kendle

Roll Call:

	Present	Absent
Chairperson Jesse Kendle	_____	_____
Committee Member Jessie Ricks	_____	_____
Committee Member Eileen Chapman	_____	_____
Committee Member Esther Piekarski	_____	_____
Committee Member Toran Jordan	_____	_____
Committee Member Angeline Brown	_____	_____
Committee Member Angela Anderson	_____	_____
Committee Member Doug Eagles	_____	_____
Committee Member Sylvia Sylvia-Cioffi	_____	_____
Committee Member Vic Sood	_____	_____
Committee Member Byron Young	_____	_____
Committee Member Shawna Gartrell	_____	_____
Committee Member Tyron McAllister	_____	_____

Public Comments:

- Limited to 3 minutes per person, one time around

Old Business:

- Approval of minutes from the March meeting
- Continued discussion on bylaws
Review of changes/additions

New Business:

- Presentation from AP Surf Club

- Potential summer programming for 2021
 - Summer camp
 - Summer Basketball League
 - Prospect Courts
 - Ambassador Program
 - Waterpark
 - Summer soccer program
- Recreation Advisory Committee Member program Request Form & Budget Form-(Draft)
- Comments from Committee Members

Meeting adjourned

Recreation Committee meeting
Meeting held on 3/9/21 via zoom

Meeting called to order at 5:10pm by Chairperson Kendle

Committee members in attendance: Kendle, Ricks, Chapman, Piekarski, Jordan, Brown, Anderson, Eagles and Cioffi. Absent were: Sood, Young, Gartrell, McAllister

Angela Anderson was acknowledged for attending the meeting from the hospital and everyone wished her well as she continues to get better.

Public Comments: none

Old Business:

Approval of minutes from the February meeting:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the February meeting.

Continued discussion on bylaws:

For those who weren't at the last meeting I gave a brief overview of the recommended changes to the bylaws which included the following:

- Membership: Appointments to Committee can only be made by the Mayor and Council of the City of Asbury Park
- Purpose: to include youth and residents, not just youth
- Meetings: on a day and time agreed upon by the Committee

The discussion picked up on attendance and what it determine removal of a committee person. After some discussion Chapman suggested that the wording be similar to that of other committees "if 3 meetings are missed by a member, that person can be removed at the discretion of the Committee". All in attendance liked this wording and agreed it should be included in the bylaws.

Bylaws will be voted on at the April meeting. Eagles suggested that a final draft of the bylaws be sent to each Committee member prior to the next meeting so we can all make sure we are on the same page. All agreed.

Piekarski said that the Committee needed to decide what its role would be, either participatory or advisory, I reminded the committee that the resolution establishing this committee says its purpose is advisory. Piekarski confirmed in order for that to change it would have to be done by the Mayor and Council, since they initially established the Committee. I said that is correct, this Committee serves in an advisory capacity only.

Brown mentioned that in addition to by laws, she felt that the Committee needed a mission statement that truly represents our unique community and the Committee's purpose and goals.

New Business:

Potential programming for 2021:

I mentioned the uncertainty of summer camp because of the pandemic. I would be meeting with the Bd of Ed in the near future to discuss summer plans.

Eagles said the Boys Club would be doing summer camp again this year. Last year 50 children (max allowed under Covid protocol) attended camp with all precautions taken.

Cioffi spoke about feeling more positive regarding Chamber events possibly happening this fall. I asked if indoor events were planned. Cioffi said no because she doesn't want to compete with other organizations who may chose to do indoor events.

I mentioned that the City is not hosting indoor events because of Covid concerns and since the City leads by example it is unlikely that indoor gathering will be happening anytime in the near future. Chapman agreed.

Brown asked about the budget. I reminded Committee that they don't have a budget, the recreation department has a budget; approved budget is not available yet. Once approved, I will share with Committee for their program recommendations.

The process for bringing ideas before the advisory committee was next discussed. The Committee agreed that there should be two processes, one for outsiders and one for committee members. Ricks suggested a "request form" be established for committee members and the proposal be used for outsiders. I said that we have a proposal but needs to be updated. I will update proposal and provide a copy for committee to review and give me suggestions on improving it. The committee member request form would include a description of event, purpose of event, detailed budget. Any member that has a program idea would complete this process. It will eliminate confusion. This information would be shared and discussed with the committee. Recommendations would be given to me so I can discuss the matter with Donna. All in attendance agreed this was a good idea and should be implemented.

Brown suggested a working calendar be established to determine what events are planned, what's lacking and what age group needs more programming.

I mentioned Ricks had a good idea about an outdoor Zumba class that I dropped the ball on a couple of years ago. Maybe we can revisit doing that this summer.

Kendle asked Brown to give an overview of meeting. Pierkarski said this was a productive meeting; we seem to be on the same page.

Kendle requested that I send a list of Committee member phone numbers to out. Ricks said email addresses should be sent also.

Kendle suggested that a get well card be purchased when people are sick. The card would be taken each committee member's home for their signature and then mailed. Kendle asked if I would take care of that I said I am not comfortable with that. Piekarski and Ricks both suggested that emails and virtual cards be sent, its easier and safer. Kendle said he would get the card and get everyone to sign it.

Meeting adjourned at 6:24pm

Minutes taken by Leesha Floyd