

Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes

6/8/21

5pm

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Kendle. Those in attendance: Ricks, Chapman, Jordan, Brown, Anderson, Cioffi, Young, Gartrell, McAllister. Absent: Piekarski, Eagles, Sood

Chairperson Kendle opened meeting by saying that he is not against children or programming for children. If any Committee member has an issue or concern they can feel free to talk to him. He has 13 brothers and sisters and was raised to treat all with respect. Everyone should feel to talk to him even whether we agree or not.

Public Comments: None

Old Business: Motion made and seconded to approve minutes from the last meeting.

Update on Surfing program: A meeting was held with the different groups that operate surfing programs in AP to see how these groups can work together instead of acting independently of each other. More details to follow at upcoming meetings.

New Business:

Summer programming- I gave a brief overview of the tentative summer programs the City would be offering including: a modified summer camp and ambassador work program, waterpark opening, soccer, free weekly Zumba and yoga classes, beach cards for AP parents with kids ages 5-12. More details to follow on summer programming. The challenging part of planning is keeping all the participants safe and adhering to CDC Covid guidelines.

A Day of Hope- Kendle discussed his idea of a church choirs singing uplifting music in Springwood park on 8/7 from 2pm-4pm. I reiterated that as per the City Manager no city funds can be used for this because it's a religious event. Ricks expressed her concerns regarding this event including it falling under the City's liability insurance; the fact that it is not recreation; suggested that churches could come together and sponsor this event but she did not feel it should be done under the Recreation Advisory Committee. She is opposed to the event being spearheaded by this Committee. All in attendance with the exception of Ricks approved the idea of this event. McAllister is going to complete the special event application for the use of the park so it can go through approval process.

Vice Chairperson discussion- Kendle nominated Chapman to be Vice Chairperson; she accepted the nomination; Ricks nominated Anderson; she deferred to Chapman. Vote- all were in favor of Chapman as Vice Chairperson.

Recreation Advisory Committee Member program Request Form- the form was reviewed by committee and will be used for future Committee Member program ideas. Once completed the Committee will review the application and give its opinion about the proposed program.

Comments from Committee members: Kendle discussed the need for security at the youth basketball summer league. Brown talked about the need for police and parents to work together in providing security for our youth. McAllister- parents should be encouraged and allowed to police themselves in some cases, like the summer bball league. Anderson stressed the need for police who look like our children to build relationships with them. Brown: more community policing needs to be done. Brown also expressed concern about information getting to the people on the west side so they are aware of whats going on.

Gartrell gave a brief overview of herself. Toran Jordan talked about a resident who wanted to do a chess program.

Meeting adjourned at 5:53pm

Minutes submitted by Leesha Floyd