

Park and Recreation Commission

Minutes of the Meeting

August 8th, 2018

Meeting called to order: 7:34 pm.

Commissioners in Attendance: George Caye, Katie Graham, Mike Kelly, Bill Nowak, Renee Powell, Dan Rezende, Toby Lewis, Jeff Trachtenberg.

Also in Attendance: Ray Favreau, John Caldwell and Andrew Schadt, SWPRD Summer Intern.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve the July 11th minutes. Passed unanimously.

Public Input: None

Special Reports.

- (1) **4th R Program update by Ray:** Town Council Child Care Committee has determined that at this time they are satisfied with the progress made between the YMCA and Temple Beth Hillel to open up a before and after school program at the Tempe but operated by the Y. The state licensing is still a work-in-progress and the Y has already set up their program and conducted an open house at the Temple on Mon., August 6th at which time they began taking registrations. Shelby Kosa distributed the Y's promotional flyer to all of the families on the current 4th R wait list well in advance of the open house. The goal is to open the facility by October 1st, or sooner if state licensing is secured sooner. The Y will provide busing for anyone in the PV, PRS and OH districts to the synagogue, especially since the Avery Street Church is nowhere near ready to operate at their site. The committee generally felt that they had met both a short-term and an initial long-term solution to the communities child care needs for the time being with the Y/Synagogue partnership. Shelby is working tirelessly to recruit and replace staff just to maintain status quo. Her pre-season staff training is scheduled for Aug. 18-20. The committee will continue to meet to find other ways to provide child care to families in need anticipating growing demand.
- (2) **Master Plan Progress Report:** The rest of the meeting was dedicated to a master plan presentation of progress by Andrew. Drafts of the following Chapters were presented and discussed:
- Section IV of the Needs Assessment which included the Department audit by Tom O'Rourke from Charleston County Parks & Recreation back in 2016. Commissioners suggested identifying which of the bullet point objectives listed in this audit can be labeled completed or in-progress/on-going.
 - Trends & Challenges unfinished items from previous meeting. Again, request was made to identify all completed items, and add "lights" to #11 in Section I.
 - Program Inventory
 - Program Development
- Commissioners praised Andrew for all his detailed work and agreed that it would be beneficial for him and the commission for him to continue his efforts. A motion was made by Toby to reactivate a previous motion from last fiscal year not acted upon to utilize PARC funds not to exceed \$2,000 to hire necessary help to complete the plan. Seconded by Jeff.
- Commissioners agreed with Toby's suggestion to include discussion at future meetings regarding PARC public relations efforts in dire need of improvement.

Report of Council Liaison: None, Councilor Riley unable to attend.

Report of the B of E Liaison: None due to absence of liaison.

OSTF: None due to time constraints

Report of Parks and Rec. Director: None

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm. Motion by Toby, seconded by Dan. Passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: 7:30pm Sept. 12, 2018

Respectfully Submitted - Ray Favreau