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MINUTES

Community Center Complex Advisory Board June 15th, 2021 7:30pm

1. Attendance: In person: Karen Huller, Paul Salamy, Ben Eyer, Dennis Rudzinski, Terry Stevens, Tony Hammaday; Virtual: Paul Kubler, Sharon Davis, Chris Levy, Greg Waks, Dan Russell
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of 4/20, & 5/18/21 minutes
 - a. Paul, Chris, Sharon approved April 20, 2021 minutes
 - i. Approved
 - b. Sharon moves to approve May 18, 2021
 - i. Approved
4. Staff Report
 - a. Passholder update –
 - i. In the past, the numbers included monthly frozen number, but moving forward will no longer include those
 - ii. All those frozen were given 3 weeks notice to start payments up or have their membership end
 - iii. Current active – 1507 passholders
 1. Increase from last month
 2. Karen expressed concern about losing active members last month
 3. Appears to be rebounding now
 - b. Reopening update
 - i. Daily visit numbers going up
 1. 151 per day during week
 2. 75 visits per day on weekends
 - c. Pool Update
 - i. 2284 members – significant increase over last month
 - ii. Last year at this time we were a little over 1400

- iii. Slightly short of 2019 numbers as of today
 - 1. Were a little over 2400 by the end of the season, which was the year we started offering August memberships
 - iv. Pool is now open full time
 - d. Free Passholder Program
 - i. 3 passholderships offered
 - 1. All have come in and had first visits
 - 2. Not sure about number of visits, total, but 2 visits so far
 - ii. Yesterday Dennis, Karen and Sharon did another interview
 - 1. Family have a 3-year-old,
 - 2. There is no programming or child watch available for the 3 year old to enable parents to use their passholdership
 - 3. Application listed all of the programs she would have to pay additionally
 - 4. Would have to pay extra in order to use; asked her to let us know if she can do that
 - e. Child Watch
 - i. Internal discussions – challenges are staffing
 - 1. Concerns with the small spaces
 - 2. Some of the staff aren't comfortable with the smaller space
 - 3. Initial thoughts – give it more time
 - 4. Child Watch staff also working at summer camps
 - a. Would have to work overtime, and many are not willing
 - 5. Can do a survey to assess the frozen memberships?
 - a. Is it because no child watch is available
 - b. Is it the hours it was available
 - c. What other concerns
 - d. Put people in buckets for blocks of hours
 - i. Have to maintain the proper ratio of workers to children
 - ii. Can we use one of the downstairs rooms?
 - e. Yes, Dennis can initiate a survey
 - 6. The board members are willing to share open positions to help fill positions
5. Board of Supervisors Liaison Report
 - a. Paul K. – Henderson Road/Ross Road development really advancing
 - b. Greg – Crow Creek Trail completion moved up, 80% done now, and expected to be completed this summer
 - i. Where can Chris go for more information on the storm water management efforts?
 - ii. Tony - It is in the Crow Creek Trail plans, though may not be able to make sense of it
 - 1. Over compensated to collect storm water above the trail on the portion of the old Mullen tract at the end of Thomas because you can't do much along the creek side trail
 - 2. Intended to alleviate some of the flooding issues from Walker through to community center

- b. Didn't find replacement yet

9. Old Business

- a. Had an initial meeting to talk about Fall Fest/Community Day, October 2nd
 - b. Karen – Could we combine them with the 5th anniversary?
 - i. Fall Fest is on Saturday at Heuser
 - ii. Paul, maybe make it at the center Sunday
 - iii. No money in the budget
 - iv. How big can we make it?
 - v. Small or bigger?
 - 1. Just passholders
 - 2. Or can we invite the public
 - a. Chris thinks it should be opened to public to help them remember us and to spur more people to join/rejoin
 - b. Paul K – suggested opening the community center for a weekend
 - i. Chris – 5 year + celebrating we're back
 - ii. Friday/Sat/Sunday
 - 1. Free yoga classes
 - 2. Neighborhood vs. neighborhood games
 - a. Cornhole tournament?
 - b. Other games?
 - 3. Free samples from vendors
 - a. Who will do that?
 - b. Gerry Vatimo can reach out to sponsors
 - 4. Serve food in bottom parking lot food vs. inside food
 - a. Brings people through the gallery
 - b. Need a tent, but how to secure
 - i. Township has tents
 - vi. Probably want to wait until the pool is closed to make more parking available
 - vii. Dennis does believe the 5th year should be acknowledged in some way
- c. Is the carnival for the 4th official?
 - i. Dennis - yes. Just deciding times
 - 1. Dan – They are having trouble finding staff for the carnival
 - ii. Paul S. wondered if they could use the parking lot or the multipurpose field to preserve conditions of the fields, which are looking good
 - iii. Which days is it?
 - 1. They are planning on Saturday and Sunday

10. New Business

- a. Pool space
 - i. Paul K. noticed more land missing than what he expected
 - ii. Paul S. Thought it would be an issue with people who go to the pool
 - 1. Heard people noticing it, but not complaining
 - 2. No one hangs out there

3. The kids lost a bit of space where they used to play wiffle ball
4. Paul thinks people adapted
5. No one has complained that the fence is not solid
- iii. Swim team did a fundraiser and they got arborvitae
 1. 30% dead, but that is in the budget- it happens
 2. Thinks we lost land, but gained something better from it (the trail)
- iv. Paul has walked it and it's pretty walkable now; the slope isn't bad
- v. Paul K – Doesn't think it's okay that we expected one thing and another thing happened.
 1. Paul S. P&R was upset, as well
 2. Taking it as a huge lessons learned, that questions need to be asked
 3. What is the answer?
 - a. P&R is trying to figure out how to prevent this
- vi. Sees runoff from trail coming into pool
 1. Chris - A bit scary
 2. Dan – Heather and he communicated on Saturday
 3. She sent photos; Paul S. sent photos
 4. Working with engineering firm; they were alerted immediately
 5. Contractor is working to rectify
 6. There will be excessive runoff until the trail is complete, and storm water management is complete
 7. Glad it happened because it alerted them to a storm water pipe that needs to be re-routed
 - a. Paul S. There's some kind of pipe where water overflows and has no place to go, so it goes downhill.
 - b. Will have to have a meeting with Public Works director, contractor and engineer to have it corrected
 - c. This isn't the only location along the trail – the issues are popping up
 8. Went out after heavy rain and it wasn't overflowing
 9. Thinks it will be an issue until it's completed
 10. Tony- Figuring out how to continually monitor it
 11. In some areas, heavy rains will erode some until grass is growing
 - a. Chris – what is the timeframe?
 - b. Tony – all depends on what is discovered and how many issues and number of locations there are impacts
- vii. Saw joggers on the stones – no caution tape. Trail isn't open yet
 1. Paul S. Assuming there will some kind of cover
 2. Was there anything on the feasibility schemes that have to be lost due to the land lost?
 - a. Paul S. The consultants did account for some of the loss
 - b. The lazy river was in that area, and he thinks if we ever move forward, it can be re-routed
- b. Access to community center from trail?
 - i. Have to talk to Seniors about access to/from their patio
 - ii. There are potential grading issues
 - iii. Handicap accessibility is a problem
 - iv. Karen – It is windier and less direct than expected

1. Dan –That is for ADA requirements
2. Paul – the switchback was a solution to not going to close to residences and to overcome grading challenges
 - a. Thinks we missed the mark on what it was supposed to look like
 - b. Next time, will walk it in the raw to visualize it better
- c. Volleyball
 - i. The net bought with BCA funds is missing
 - ii. Contractor claims it was not removed, but cannot locate it
 - iii. Dan will make sure they track it down
- d. Data breach?
 - i. Karen received an alert on her iPhone when she logged into Community Pass that claimed the username and password had been part of a security breach
 - ii. Dennis reached out to community pass
 1. Thinks it was a fluke
 2. Karen asked others to log in to see if they get a similar message
 3. No one else had alerts; suppose it was not a breach from Community Pass, but something else related to the username and password

11. Adjournment

Karen H
9.21.21