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Community Center Complex Advisory Board

July 17, 2018

7:30pm

- 1) Pledge of Allegiance
- 2) Attendance: Karen Huller, Dick McCann, Sudha Suryadevara, Sharon Davis, GlennAnne Chabala, Greg Waks, Rob DeFelice, Chris Levy, Terry Stevens
- 3) Approval of June 19th minutes - approved
- 4) Staff Report
 - i) Program Preview 8/9 Fall guide timeline
 - (1) Fall activity guide distributed for potential edits
 - (2) Change requests required by Friday morning for printing
 - ii) MCGOPA event 9/15 6:30-8:30
 - (1) Meeting with Pam Thursday to get some details finalized
 - (2) Will discuss what MCGOPA and P&R are going to contribute
 - (3) A night of art and elegance
 - (4) Will be advertised through all media available
 - (5) Will find out what format each media needs request
 - iii) UMT Foundation
 - (1) 2 families joined the pool; 4 joined the community center in last month
 - (2) Doesn't know if they use it often, but can track their visits
 - (3) No penalties for lack of usage
 - (4) Names go to Dan Russell or GlennAnne from Beth Trioli, who vets families
 - (5) 5 BOS members and 2 members appointed from public
 - iv) Passholder Update
 - (1) Total passholders: YTD 2307 passholders, at the high water mark
 - (2) 672 newly signed up this year
 - (3) This time last year \$113,400; YTD this year \$212K
 - (4) Last year ended with \$270K
 - (5) Pool membership update

- (a) Dragging, but caught up 2106 members
 - (b) Had 2125 last year at this time
 - (c) Last year at this time, budgeted to have 161K and came in at 166,800
 - (i) At this point have 164K
 - (ii) Hoping to hit \$170K (is at that with daily passes)
 - (iii) People are saying it's never too crowded
 - (iv) Can do visits check to see how many have come in per day
 - (v) Limit is pretty high
 - (vi) Big pool by law by dimension, capacity is 899 people
 - (vii) People love Hedgehog Grille
 - 1. Revenue share is 10% of over \$40K in sales + rental fee
 - 2. Need to address parking spots taken (refer to 9d for more info)
 - (d) Attribute added revenue to monthly rolling payments
 - (e) Have 82 categories; will try to simplify that to mimic pool more
 - (f) Have heard people join the community center to get discount (25%) on pool, camp, activities and then cancel membership to community center
 - (i) Enforcing is tricky and effort may not recoup enough (\$25 loss for an individual adult)
 - (ii) Could spot check people who are cancelling to see if they are enjoying the discount when cancelling
 - (iii) 30 days notice in writing or e-mail to cancel
 - (iv) If spot check over two months and notice a lot, will evaluate further policing
 - (v) Front desk does let people know when they cancel that the discount will no longer apply
 - (g) When Dick first joined, was not able to make monthly payments and prefers the monthly credit card payments
- v) Lower level renovations
- (1) Done, rooms being used
 - (2) Good feedback
 - (3) Mind/body room was reconfigured
 - (4) Yoga prefers the air conditioning off to it being too cold
 - (5) Heard a complaint that it was too hot
 - (6) Dance class was moved because it was too hot
 - (7) Sharon and Karen will try yoga
- vi) 2019 Budget
- (1) Met several times
 - (2) Good on supplies, besides maintenance
 - (3) Not a lot of big needs
 - (a) Lights on building
 - (b) Entrance sign on hold
 - (i) Chris and GlennAnne discussed sign
 - (ii) Sign not attractive
 - (iii) Could be a year or more for other sign
 - 1. Greg encourages GlennAnne to talk to media board to get the process started
 - 2. GlennAnne will reach out to Allison Penn
 - 3. May go back to old design and re-evaluate based on new location

- 4. Contractor was informed
 - (iv) Perhaps get a nicer sign for \$3K
 - (v) Tree removal is in budget
 - (vi) Greg expects BOS would not support that expenditure
 - (vii) Trees on corner property will come down, so the time to view will be increased
 - (viii) Neighbors' concerns – LED signs don't create that much light
 - (ix) Henderson road sign gives off less light than church lights across the street
 - (x) Light can go off at 10 PM
 - (xi) Can be down from corner a bit
 - (xii) Likely house will come down, but decision not made yet
- vii) Part time benefits
 - (1) Paul has asked and we discussed free memberships for life guards
 - (2) HR director is looking at PT offerings to see if anything can be given to allow PT staff to use facilities
- 5) Board of Supervisors Liaison Report
 - a) Greg is still liaison
 - b) Environmental Advisory Counsel shifted to Carole Kenney who wanted that post
 - c) P&R, Carol's liaison role is shifting to Tina Garzillo, who was chair of that board
- 6) Park and Recreation Advisory Board Liaison Report
 - a) Opening on P&R Advisory board
 - i) 1 application in and that person may be chosen tomorrow
 - b) Fall Heuser Park clean up October 27 with tree planting on same date
 - c) Board will be discussing future design ideas for Heuser Park
 - d) Deforestation
 - i) Every municipality will have to deal with Ash Borer
 - ii) Some of area deforested could go into extension to park
 - iii) Deforestation and reforestation was best of 3 bad options
 - iv) UM was first municipality to do something
 - v) Sent out a plethora of information, but it won't reach everyone
 - e) UM Police were using drones to monitor traffic/parking during 4th of July event
 - i) Knew where it was/wasn't and could direct parking better
 - f) Sidebar from Chris: Trying to get department to take lip sync challenge (@ PECO)
 - g) Greg heard grand reopening at Bill Wall park is Sunday
 - i) Need confirmation from West End Civic Association
 - ii) Selling tickets to annual gala at \$13 and will be combined with grand reopening
 - h) Channel 6 covered ribbon cutting for community garden
 - i) Terry heard it's the Year of Parks? Plans for kudzu? Plans for Bob White?
 - i) Encouraging people in neighborhoods to get out and beautify, clean up their own parks
 - ii) Sweetbriar Park is one of the biggest in need or updating
 - (1) Used to be an access from Sweetbriar Circle
 - (2) No one even knows how far back it is or how to access the more remote parts
 - iii) Estates Park self-organized a clean-up day
 - iv) Terry suggested to revive civic associations

- (1) Karen's neighborhood has one (Hughes Park)
 - (a) Run by the Ericksons
 - (b) Organizes Easter/Halloween parades and multi-family yard sale
 - (c) Extra funds go to Bob Ross Park beautification (mostly flower planting)
- v) Park and Rec board is working on 7 parks to be redone this year and plans for future parks for future years with playground equipment upgrades
 - (1) Everything behind schedule due to rain
 - (2) Parks slotted for renovation first:
 - (a) Bob White
 - (b) Township building park
 - (c) Kingswood
 - (d) Swedeland
 - (e) Sweetbriar
 - (f) Tabak
 - (g) Bill Wall
- vi) Board members are discussing new ways to develop parks with passive recreation
- vii) Rob will forward Terry's comments

7) Senior Center Representative Liaison Report

- a) Back door buzzer system
 - i) Waiting for Steve Cook at Valley Forge Locks to get all equipment and supplies
 - ii) Have the cameras set up
 - iii) GlennAnne will check on progress
- b) Terry is part of Garden Club and noticed where patio meets the dirt, the dirt is eroding and patio could crack, like a potential sink hole
- c) 3 pavers where the cones are, there is water
 - i) Don Testa put in originally
 - ii) Gerry is trying to get Don to give a professional recommendation
 - iii) Out of warranty
 - iv) Rob questioned why we use the original contractor and offered to take care of it
 - v) GlennAnne will get in touch with Gerry
- d) They did spray for weeds, but it's ongoing
 - i) GlennAnne said the guys were doing the back yesterday
- e) Watering system is bizarre
 - i) Not easy to use
 - ii) Terry will donate a different hose
 - iii) Dick made 4 keys at \$12.50 each, and one will stay accessible
- f) Terry hasn't noticed a lot of mosquitos lately
- g) Wants to include umbrella(s) in next year's budget
 - i) Tables don't have a hole, but can use self-standing
 - ii) The one that was donated makes the patio usable
 - iii) Furniture gets hot to touch in the heat
- h) General meetings 2nd Wednesday of every month 9:30 AM with exception of July and August
 - i) Greg will come in the fall and can speak and take questions
 - ii) Sudha will come to promote senior dance
 - iii) Meeting format is changing and is more conversational

- iv) More committees now than before
- v) No restrictions on who takes over projects
- vi) Terry is girl scout rep
- vii) One member is doing "coffee with a cop" (one at Starbucks yesterday)

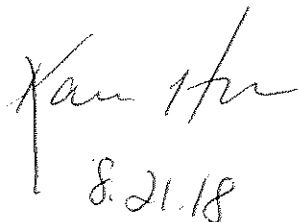
8) Old Business

- a) Child watch expansions
 - i) GlennAnne is requesting in budget
 - ii) Rob is getting complaints from Pickleball people when child watch gets full
- b) Update on new cardio fitness equipment
 - i) Have another year on the lease
 - ii) Time to start looking
 - iii) Precore is the preferred brand; service has been excellent

9) New Business

- a) Sudha – July is national P&R month
 - i) NRPA promotes summer camp dance
 - ii) Summer camp participants practice and perform same song and dance "Walking on Sunshine"
 - iii) Amanda from PIO office taped and will edit and submit
 - iv) Not a contest
 - v) They make a compilation and show it at national conference
- b) Landscaping is happening from top to bottom
- c) 8.7 is national night out at Target parking lot, P&R will have table
 - i) Will have inflatables and different community groups
- d) Parking situation for hedgehog, they are pulling on to the grass
 - i) It doesn't look good to leave vehicle there
 - ii) Unloading is different story
 - iii) They put a sign in one of the parking spaces to reserve it
 - (1) They cannot reserve parking
 - (2) They can only park as many vehicles as they have people working, and can't park on grass
 - iv) GlennAnne will meet with Heather tomorrow
- e) Terry has gotten feedback that signs that say reserved for seniors are too high
 - i) Chris had mentioned that when they were put in
 - ii) Required by law to make them that tall
 - iii) State regulation
 - iv) Hope that if visitors/passholders do pull in without seeing sign the first time, they don't make that mistake again

10) Adjournment


8.21.18