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Healthy Living Starts Here.

Annapolis Recreation Advisory Board

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order with a quorum by Francesca King, Chair.

Present:

Francesca King, Chair
Dawn Moyer, Vice Chair
Craig Harrison
Christina Aist
Emily Tomasini
Roger Ward

Not Present:

Stan Womack
Katrina Williams

Staff:

Debbie Odum, Admin Asst
Casey Ortiz, Planning and Zoning

Other:

Chris Kamenoff

The meeting was called to order by Francesca Chair @7:00 pm

Discussion was held on basketball courts and the possibility of a new one. The board discussed how they could get more information.

Discussion was held on the existence of Community Foundation funds reserved for tennis, and the needs of the tennis courts:

- Need for a net to capture balls
- When courts were redone they did not get the water fountain put back in
- Tennis foundation does a lot of free tennis for youth

The board discussed the needs and priorities to include in the FY2025 Budget:

1. Improved registration software or processes is very important to capture details and make informed decisions.
2. Craig raised a need for Les Mills classes. The board discussed who these would serve. Craig plans on setting up a meeting to talk about establishing these classes at PMRC (in person instruction). His recommendation is for more certified instructors and increase classes for all residents, seniors and all ages.
3. Board member Roger Ward asked: does ARPD act on our recommendations? Board discussed the new recommendation form. There was a motion to adopt the form to share official recommendations of the board: all were in favor.
4. Registration discussion: The board discussed the need for thorough tracking of registration and program participation. There was a change from one system (Crystal) to another (Etrack-it). Guest, Chris has experience with the system and may be able to provide more information.
5. There was a motion to provide a recommendation with the Board's priorities for the FY2025 budget using the new form, all were in favor:
 - a. Accessible online registration system that includes robust data collection. Data can be used to create more specific performance measures.
 - b. Programs that serve most city audiences, including active adults and youth.

- c. Equitable access to childcare for City of Annapolis residents. Discussion on this recommendation included:
 - i. Including latchkey at every school (or transportation if not available at that school)
 - ii. Funds could be in partnership with county, they have successfully implemented it.
 - iii. Sign up in March for the following school year
 - iv. Allocate funds equitably to make child care accessible for each school
 - v. Need to secure funds to bring down cost
 - d. Fields and facilities, including access and maintenance of Weems Whalen Field
6. Casey Ortiz provided an update on the Comprehensive Plan:
It was approved by planning commission, city council is going through approval process now
There were major text updates, changes are highlighted pink in the plan at annapolisahead2040.com. At the next meeting: Eric will give a 15 minute presentation. Next week a meeting on plans for city dock will held on zoom.

Meeting adjourn @ 8:10pm

Next meeting will be Virtual on Wednesday, February 14, 2024.