



**Recreation Committee Meeting
Minutes**

1pm, Friday, December 16, 2022

Via Zoom Meeting ID: 822 7890 0645

2350 Northrop Ave, Sacramento, CA 95825

Staff: Daniel Barton, Danny Curtola, Rodney Dahlberg, Nicole Friedrich, JR Hichborn, Darren Woodland, and Shayne Hawthorne.

Committee Members: Jeff Rothberg and Brian Bannister.

Call to order: 1pm

1. Approval of Recreation Committee Minutes from May 26, 2022.

Minutes approved.

2. Discuss updates of recreation programs.

Staff highlights upcoming programs including, jazzercise, ballroom dance, ping pong club, an evening yoga class, and a collaboration with the EOP pickleball club for a day at the park. Partnerships will also be starting, including creating a Memorandum of Understanding to sign with the Health Education Council to form programs similar to SHOP and Walk With Friends, and a partnership with Capital Community Athletics to rent fields at MOCC for refugee sports programs.

Staff notes that SJUSD has an ESL sports program and wants to eventually combine these students into regular sports programs at their schools. For this to happen MORPD is partnering with Sunrise Park District to create a spring clinic to get these students prepared.

Director Rothberg notes that he is excited for the upcoming programs, especially the ESL sports programs.

The Committee questions what preparations are being done to accommodate for Dahlberg's retirement. Dahlberg states that his last day is set for April 21, 2023, and that management is working to find a replacement.

Staff mentions that MOTAB assisted with the Letters to Santa and Warm Clothing Drive projects that took place in December, stating that the group is ready to meet with the Board.

The Committee suggest staff bring the group to the next appropriate Advisory Board Meeting.

3. Discuss marketing ideas for upcoming Spring/Summer MORPD programs and Community survey.

A virtual Fall/Winter guide was sent out to District patrons in August for the first time. Staff notes that they did not see a decrease in sales or program registration due to the conversion from printed to virtual. The amount saved from the virtual guide conversion will be put towards other marketing ideas including sending

out QR postcards to MORPD families before the regular printed Spring/Summer guide is sent out in March. Staff states that this will allow the District to market current and upcoming programs without a high cost.

Director Rothberg questions how much money was saved from converting the Fall/Winter guide from printed to virtual. Staff states that the amount saved was around \$8,500.

Staff gives results from the neighborhood survey; all 25 respondents spoke English and 5 of those were multilingual. It's noted that the survey was shared with the EOP Pickleball Club and there were negative comments left regarding the club wanting an overlay placed on the EOP courts.

The Committee questions how much an overlay is and would it fix the cracks in the courts.

Staff states that an overlay would cost around \$110,000 per court with a 10-year guarantee and any crack that occurs in that time would be filled by the company who installed the overlay. This would cost the District a significant amount more than to resurface the courts which costs around \$15,000 and would cover the cracks for a moderate amount of time.

4. Discuss update on current staffing and staffing concerns within the Recreation Division.

Staff states that they are only about 60%-75% staffed compared to their numbers before Covid-19. It is discussed how difficult it is to make interviews with applicants and for only a quarter of them to show up. Staff notes that the District is also still down a Recreation Superintendent position since 2020.

The Committee questions if it would be more beneficial to hire another full-time recreation staff member. Staff notes that hiring a full-time recreation coordinator would only temporarily fix a staffing shortage, since typically the position doesn't have a long lifespan and the employee tends to move on after a few years.

5. Discuss Recreation Division needs and changes.

Staff discusses the opportunity of moving an MORPD transit van that is currently stored at Sierra Oaks Elementary to Swanston Community Center. Having the transit stored at a different location has added significant time for staff to run errands. This forces staff to stop at SCC to get the keys, drive their personal vehicle to pick up the van, drive the van to the site they need to get to, return the van and pick up their personal car, and then drive back to SCC to return the key. It's noted that this proposal was sent to the Facilities Committee two years ago, however it was turned down because it was said to be unnecessary at the time.

The Committee requests a list of benefits to having the transit at SCC and to support the argument for moving the transit and building a new structure for it. The Committee questions where the funds to build the structure would come from and how much would it cost.

Staff states that the relocation of the transit would be a future CIP Project and funding from that would be used toward building the structure, which would cost around \$50,000.

The Committee agrees to staffs proposal and recommends sending this item to the Facilities Committee.

The Committee wishes staff a Happy Holidays and Director Rothberg thanks staff for his time on the Committee.

2:02 Meeting Adjourned.