

# HEALTH AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022

Hybrid Meeting Format



## 1. ROLL CALL

**Present-** Committee Members: Committee Chair Tom Kiddoo, Committee Vice Chair Pat Nolan and Committee Member Kathy Ryan

Staff: Recreation Director of Recreation Michael Labagh, Recreation Services Superintendent Jerrica Miller, Aquatics Superintendent Kacy Carmichael, Town Manager Eric Heil and General Government Intern Emily Myler.

Town Council: Councilors Scott Prince and Lindsay Hardy

### **Absent-**

Committee members: Pam Warren

Town Council: Mayor Sarah Smith Hymes.

Committee Chair Tom Kiddoo opened the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

## 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Recreation Director Labagh changed item 5.4, Harry A. Nottingham Park and Pocket Park improvements discussion to exclude discussion of Harry A. Nottingham Park and focus only on the pocket parks.

## 3. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 2022 MEETING MINUTES

Committee Chair Tom Kiddoo made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2022 meeting. Committee Vice-Chair Pat Nolan seconded the motion and Chair Kiddoo declared the minutes approved.

## 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

## 5. BUSINESS ITEMS

### 5.1 Recreation Department update

Recreation Director Labagh updated the Committee on the Recreation Center. He said visits have increased since December 2021. Monthly revenue is close to what it was in 2019, before the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Recreation Center has changed some of its operations due to short staff, including shorter pool hours, cancelled swim lessons, and removing birthday party rentals. Summer Camp registrations will open for Avon residents first, then for County residents and then non-residents. Recreation Superintendent Miller said she is also looking at building relationships with local teens to offer the kind of programming they want. The Recreation Department has received a grant from the State of Colorado to enhance their existing childcare program. The fitness schedule has increased and will continue to do so as the Recreation Department gains more teaching staff.

The Committee Commented/inquired:

A. Are the swim lessons a large source of revenue?

B. Does childcare include the Summer Camp, or is it separate?

Recreation Director Labagh said the swim lessons are a large source of revenue, and also an important resource for the community. He hopes as staff increases the department can offer more group lessons. Recreation Superintendent Miller said the childcare grant can support programs like Summer Camp. Half of the funding must go to the parents of children using the programs.

## **5.2 Health and Recreation Committee Recruitment**

Recreation Director Labagh went over the process to recruit new members of the Committee

The Committee commented/inquired:

- A. How many new members will be added?
- B. Have there been any applicants from the Latinx community and may be bilingual?

Recreation Director Labagh said the Committee can seat up to nine members, and now has four, so up to five new members could join this year. He has recruited a couple Recreation Center visitors from Avon's Latinx community.

## **5.3 Recreation Center Survey**

Recreation Director Labagh went over the timeline to deploy a survey to Recreation Center patrons and showed the draft survey for comments. Committee Member Warren, who was absent, had submitted feedback prior to the meeting to add a question regarding cleanliness of the facility and increasing parking patrol in the parking lot, and to remove the question to offer a free towel service as it poses a health risk for staff and wastes water. He asked the Committee if they agreed with this feedback. The Recreation Survey will reference the 2021 Community Survey and incorporate feedback it gathered from the community at large. The Survey will be sent to everyone who has registered on the new online platform.

The Committee commented/inquired:

- A. Free towels don't seem important for patrons, people should be bringing their own towels
- B. The Survey looks simple enough that it won't deter people from taking it
- C. How have the community impacts of COVID-19 impacted the operations, use and goals of the Recreation Center?

Recreation Director Labagh said development of the Main Street Mall, population increases, and other trends are impacting the Center's planning. He will continue to keep the Committee updated on planning and solicit their comments and feedback.

## **5.4 Pocket Park Improvements**

Recreation Director Labagh said the 2021 Community Survey provided feedback on the three pocket parks, but no improvements have been made as of yet. Overall, the Survey respondents liked the pocket parks and requested general upgrades, although some said they didn't realize they existed or requested better dog waste control. Hopefully this year the Town can perform some needed maintenance, work to get the word out about their existence to those who don't know about them and work with Police to better control dog waste.

The Committee commented/inquired:

- A. What is the definition of a "park" for example, why is Possibilities Plaza not considered a "park?"

Recreation Director Labagh said he didn't know how the Town defines a "park" but it could be important to consider which areas of town are labelled so and how that compares to peer communities.

### **5.5 Adopted Recreation Department Goals**

Recreation Director Labagh said all the goals are labelled “tier 1” and should be completed this year. He went over the timeline to reach each goal.

### **6. OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

Committee Member Ryan asked if there was a plan to prevent fish kill in Nottingham Lake as it defrosts, causing carcasses to show up around the Lake.

Recreation Director Labagh said his department doesn’t have a plan to prevent this, but he would check with the Public Works Department to see what they are planning.

### **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Committee Chair Kiddoo motioned to adjourn the meeting and Committee Vice Chair Pat Nolan seconded the motion. Committee Chair Tom Kiddoo declared the meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by  
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