

Deerfield Park District

Recreation Center Advisory Committee

Minutes of August 24, 2023

(1) Call to Order

The meeting of the Recreation Center Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Superintendent of Recreation Tony Korzyniewski at the Sachs Recreation Center, Room E-1. The following were in attendance:

Present: Anne Dickerson, Annette Baez, Albert Flores, Nicholas Solomon, Deputy Executive Director and Director of Recreation Laura McCarty, Superintendent of Recreation Tony Korzyniewski, Fitness Operations Supervisor Amy Kanzler, and Park Board Commissioner Michael Brown

Absent: Alan Barasky, Paul Lopata, Lauren Gordon, Ilyse Steiner and Facility Operations & Membership Supervisor Chris Moilanen

(2) Matters from the Public

There were no matters from the public.

(3) Review of Minutes

The Committee reviewed the meeting minutes of April 24, 2023, noting no changes.

(4) General Manager Report

(a) 2023 SRC Capital Projects Update

Superintendent of Recreation Korzyniewski provided a brief overview of ongoing facility improvements at the Sachs Recreation Center. The track overlay was slightly delayed due to logistical conflicts on behalf of the installer, but the adhesive is ready to be laid in preparation for the new track. The existing track was over twenty-nine years old and in need of replacement. The new carpet has been installed and fresh paint has been applied on the west side of the facility. The purple divider has been taken down and will be replaced with a blue curtain to match the track. The supplemental hot water boiler on the east end of the building will be installed next Monday. Additional items as a result of the facility improvements include semiannual wood floor maintenance, preventative maintenance of the controls and a deep clean of the swimming pool, locker rooms and entire facility. Staff is pleased with the results to date. During the facility shutdown, members were able to utilize neighboring Park District fitness centers as a courtesy.

(b) Shutdown Schedule Update

The renovation was originally anticipated to last through August 27th with an estimated reopen date of August 28th. The new reopen date is Tuesday, September 5th.

(5) Fitness Operations Supervisor Report

(a) Shutdown Group Exercise Schedule/September Group Exercise Schedule

Fitness Operations Supervisor Amy Kanzler reported that during the SRC shutdown, staff offered offsite fitness classes at Deerspring pool which were received well by members and well attended. Classes ran in the multipurpose room, outdoor underneath the pavilions and outside utilizing the park grounds. A variety of equipment was brought from SRC, so classes had equipment to use. Staff will begin transitioning these classes back to the west side of the SRC starting next week. Supervisor Kanzler also circulated the recent group exercise schedule. A significant number of changes have been made due to staff availability and participation levels.

During the shutdown, Supervisor Kanzler has been working with her staff on deep cleaning the fitness center, the group exercise studio, the yoga studio, the personal training studio and the cycle studio.

A Committee member commended Supervisor Kanzler on the modified group fitness class schedule during the shutdown and stated members appreciated it greatly.

(b) Personal Training/Nutritional Counseling Update

Personal Trainers continued conducting sessions with their clients at Deerspring during the shutdown and also had the option to utilize local community parks. With the extension of the closure, trainers will continue to use the offsite location as well and the group exercise studio when available.

(c) Upcoming Fitness & Wellness Programming

With staff focused on the closure, there were no new fitness/wellness programming updates at this time.

(d) Deerfield Farmer's Market

This past Saturday, SRC staff attended the Deerfield Farmer's Market. The booth offered a drawing for a free month membership, membership information, guest passes for one free all-inclusive visit and kid friendly activities and giveaways.

(6) Facility Operations & Membership Supervisor Report

(a) SRC Membership Enrollment Update

In light of Facility Operations Supervisor Chris Moilanen's absence, Superintendent Korzyniewski reported that there were 941 active members as of August 1st. In August of 2022, there were 728 active members. Many individuals chose to cancel their membership for the month of August due to the facility closure.

(b) Current SRC Operations Overview

Staff has been fielding increased gym usage requests and believes birthday party requests will also increase as the temperature begins to drop in fall. Tennis and pickleball rentals remain in high demand.

(c) Reuse-A-Rama Recap

On Saturday, June 10th the SRC hosted its annual Reuse-a-Rama. Superintendent Korzyniewski advised that overall, the event was a success with many textiles, shoes, books, eyeglasses, and plastic bags received.

(7) Lead Facility Engineer Report

In Lead Facility Engineer Sesar Botello's absence, Superintendent Korzyniewski reported that Sesar's team has been heavily involved in shutdown operations such as prep work and remaining punch list items.

(8) Other Items

Fall Open House

Superintendent Korzyniewski reported that staff will be hosting an open house for new members October 10th through October 12th as well as Saturday, October 14th.

(9) The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

(10) There being no further business or additional discussion, the meeting of the Recreation Advisory Committee was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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