

## **Fremont Community Recreation Authority**

### Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Todd Blake

Board Members Present: Todd Blake, Karen Diekema, Kristine Carpenter, Ramona Deters, Dave Deur, Brian Hettinger, John Grimes and Steve Eckert. FCRA Director Thomas Elmer and his assistant Ashley Hamilton were also present.

Guests: Dean Morehouse, Maggie Kolk, Mark Tarquini, Ellen Gibbe, Pat & John Durham, Carolyn Hummel

Approval of Agenda: motion made by Dave Deur, seconded by Ramona Deters with additions, motion passed.

Approval of March 16 Regular Meeting Minutes: motion made by Brian Hettinger, seconded by Bryan Kolk, motion passed.

Approval of March Treasurer's Report: Karen talked about asking for more info on the spread sheet. Everyone felt we needed more details on the spread sheet and more separation of some items. Motion to approve treasures report: Brian Hettinger, seconded by John Grimes, motion passed.

Approval of March Payable Register: Board felt more details on this area also by having more columns on what is being paid. Karen Diekema was going to meet with Kit within a few days to discuss the issues. Motion made to approve March payable register: Brian Hettinger, seconded by John Grimes, motion passed.

Public Comment: Mr. Mark Tarquini asked about lane lines; when getting and how long to get into place. Thomas explained the lines were going to be ordered within a few days and Mr. Tarquini stated Packer Backers may want to help with the cost.

Consider Authorization For Audit: Todd explained to the board he had been getting quotes for an audit and H&S had the best quote. Motion made by Bryan Kolk to accept H&S 3-year proposal for audit services for \$7,600, \$7,900 & \$8,200, seconded by Karen, motion passed.

Review Auction Results: Thomas reported he has a detailed list of all items sold and the net receipts total almost \$15,000, with the kitchen items entailing over \$12,000 of it. Four large kitchen items were not sold, so he plans to put them back up for auction.

Discussion on bids for gym floor: Motion by Brian Hettinger to authorize Director Elmer to contract with the company of his discretion to repair gym floors not to exceed \$6,000, Dave Deur seconded, motion was passed. Monies will also be used to purchase the swim lanes (50% @ \$966), fix lighting in foyer (\$1,000), signs for building exterior (\$2,000), motion passed. Anything funds remaining from Auction will be saved for a "nest egg" (other capital projects.)

Darling Street Project: Todd had a picture board and gave an overview of the City's proposed plan of closing South Darling Avenue, between Main & Maple Streets. The project will be funded by grants and TIFA Tax funds.

Ideas: There will be at least 8 pickle ball courts, all access doors on the Darling street will stay as they are. Common sitting areas will be included in the plan. The library will be closing their south exit drive along Sheridan Street, gain more parking, and exit on Merchant Ave. The only parking the Rec Center will lose is street parking on Darling. Consideration being given to having a circle-drive drop-off on the east side of the building, for children who attend Ellen's gymnastics.

Maggie Kolk: How did city get the top lot? Todd explained it was given to the city by the Foundation as a supporter of the project.

Kristine Carpenter noted with all the extra things going on in the Rec Center there will be a need for more parking not less and the plan does not provide solution for this issue.

Dean Morehouse announced the Pickle Ball group is thanks FCRA for court space in the gym. He feels the popularity of this sport will continue to grow and other cities are putting outdoor courts in. Dean stated the courts could also be used for junior tennis. He also suggested if we host a pickle ball tournament, it could bring in 1000 people into our community which is great for businesses in the down town area.

John Durham asked who will own the nets for the outside pickle ball courts? Todd explained they would be owned by the Rec Center.

Kristine Carpenter suggested benches be installed around the pickle ball courts so the people have a place to sit.

Dave Deur suggested gaining more parking by moving the pickle ball courts to the southwest parking lot and the current proposed location of the pickle ball courts could be made into more parking that would be closer to the building. Todd told the group that parking area was outside of the DDA, but he would re-run the numbers to see if it was financially beneficial to do that.

Ellen Gibbe noted she was still concerned about parking issues in the winter for not only her students but elderly people visiting, dropping off or coming to competitions. Who will make sure sidewalks are plowed? Todd explained the City would be plowing sidewalks and the new parking lot. He also noted the doors at the south end of the building may become unlocked for daily access.

Heated sidewalks were discussed, but too expensive. Circle drive would help as well, as the moving of the pickle ball courts to southwest parking lot will move that parking as well. More handicap parking will also be incorporated in the project.

Facilities Committee: Brian stated they were working with Ellen on the lease agreement for the "kitchen area" that she will be using as a child care center. Brian and Thomas are currently working on a plan for AC in the building area for Ellen's gymnastic room. Thomas stated he was working with Nieboers on fixing the lights from a transformer in the pool area.

Recreation Director Report: Tom reported Ben Blamer resigned from his fulltime position. Ashley Hamilton was introduced as the new Assistant Director. Thomas explained he is still working on getting the digital signed fixed and noted the Rec center is now advertising on Fuze media with some bartering.

Summer Programs: Swim lessons, tennis lessons and youth soccer are going well. Ben is still helping with soccer coordination as well as FAST swimming.

Update on Family Fitness: The 24 hour access door is working and the tanning beds are not hooked up because electric is not ready, yet the room is.

Kristine Carpenter stated her concerns with Family Fitness Child Care Room, whereas children were walking through fitness room when adult classes are being taught, which she felt was not only a deterrent but also not safe for class participants. Kristine felt a different room would work better for the Child Care Room and Thomas stated he would look into a solution.

Brian Hettinger made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm, Bryan Kolk seconded, motion was passed.

Respectfully,

Ramona Deters, Secretary