



SHAKER HEIGHTS

SHAKER HEIGHTS RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

THORNTON PARK RECREATION CENTER

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019

6:00 PM

Members Present: Tres Roeder, Council Member, Chairperson
Sean Malone, Council Member
David E. Weiss, Mayor
Alexandria Nichols, Recreation Department Director
Terri Breeden, School Board Representative
Lisa Cremer, School Board Representative

Others Present: Bill Murray, Facility Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Tres Roeder, Council Member, Chairperson
The meeting was called to order at 6:06PM by Council Chairperson, Tres Roeder

Review of November 7, 2018 Minutes and January 16, 2019 Minutes

Tres Roeder, Council Member, Chairperson
Minutes from the January 16, 2019 were reviewed but because there was no quorum there was no vote to approve.

Review of Senior Questionnaire Draft and Distribution Plan

The City receives requests regarding active older adult programs. In the past the City utilized the Silver Sneakers Programs, after failing to successfully renegotiate the terms and conditions of the contract the City opted to cancel the contract. In 2015 the City conducted a Recreation Programming Assessment that asked seniors what programs they would like to see the City provide. It was indicated that Pickleball was something the City should provide. In turn the City installed Pickleball courts at Sussex Park. Since 2015 no other assessment has been done and based upon inquiries from seniors the Recreation Department has developed a senior questionnaire to understand what kind of programs older adults would like implemented.

Members of the Committee discussed the most effective way to disseminate the Senior Questionnaire that would return the most responses. Some distribution methods discussed included, a mailing list of all senior residents that claim the homestead exemption on their taxes. Another option is sending out the questionnaire in conjunction with The Shaker Magazine production schedule and have a post card inserted into the magazine. Social media was also discussed as an option, as well as the Mayor's e-news. It was recommended that the survey only be sent to residents 50 and over using both the Homestead exemption list and Housing Department information.

Questions:

- What is the definition of a senior?
 - For the Recreation Department, age 50 is considered a senior. For Senior Transportation, age 60 is considered a senior.
- How many people would the homestead exemption mailing list pick up?
 - Any address that applied for the exemption would be included in the list. A specific number is unknown at this time.
- Is the expectation that new programs will be created in house for seniors? Would this compare to the Silver Sneakers program? Was the Silver Sneakers program operated internally by the Recreation Department?
 - Silver Sneakers would send the City an instructor and that instructor would provide the class and the Recreation Department would promote and market when the program was happening.

Thornton Park Ice Rink Tour

The tour included concessions, locker rooms, mechanical room, Zamboni room, pros room and upstairs storage room.

Questions:

- Who owns the expensive equipment located in the concessions area?
 - The City owns most of the equipment.
- Has any of the equipment in the rink area been re done?
 - The filtration equipment has been updated as necessary. The cooling system and de humidification systems are in need of an update.
- What is the useful life of the maintenance equipment used for the ice rink?
 - On average the expected useful life of the equipment is 30 years.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm. The next Recreation and Health Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, 6:00 pm at City Hall.

Tres Roeder, Council Member
Chairperson, Recreation Committee