

MINUTES

Douglass Community Center Advisory Board

Thursday, June 4, 2020

5:45 p.m. – Zoom

Committee Members Present: Ms. Deb Nuss, Chair, Mr. Kevin Bryant, Ms. Maureen Sheahan, Ms. Connie Birdsong, Mr. Blane Hope, and Mr. Stanley Hoerman.

Douglass Center: David Baker, Director

Absent: Mr. Don Glaspie.

Guests: Mr. Eddie Eastes, Ms. Kyliah Kellerman, and Ms. Sonya Baker.

MINUTES

Ms. Nuss called the meeting to order. It was moved by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Hope, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 13, 2020. On 6-0 vote. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DOUGLASS COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER FEES

Mr. Eastes presented proposed fees for the Douglass Recreation Center that have previously been discussed with the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

Mr. Bryant expressed his concern with youth not having adequate funds to cover fees to access the facility. Defeats the purpose of the Recreation Center.

Ms. Sheahan was curious about if the proposed fees would be utilized at the other two Recreation Centers being built at the Middle Schools. Suggested the proposed fees will impact participation numbers.

Ms. Nuss mentioned these fees were not referenced when the Recreation Center construction was being discussed and sees it is paying twice; one to access facility, and one to build the facility through taxes.

Ms. Nuss, Mr. Bryant, Ms. Sheahan, Mr. Hope, and Ms. Birdsong were not in favor of the proposed fees.

REOPENING PLANS

Mr. Baker spoke to the Recreation Departments effort to reopening facilities. The Douglass Center was scheduled to reopen around June 15, 2020. The City has a committee that makes the determination on what needs to be done to be able to reopen facilities safely.

Mr. Baker introduced Ms. Kellerman.

Ms. Kellerman spoke to the social media presence that the Douglass Center has had. Ms. Kellerman mentioned the positive and healthy posts they have tried to push out to encourage the community to stay healthy and active.

Mr. Baker spoke to the safety and reopening guidelines that will be implemented at the Douglass Center such as one person to a table, outdoor pickleball, and possibly only 3 kids in the gym at a time with a time limit. The building has been disinfected, sanitized and staff will implement new cleaning procedures as well. Water fountains will not be able to be utilized, individuals will need to bring their own water bottles.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Mr. Baker mentioned the Douglass Recreation Center has a cement wall being put up and the building is on schedule for the December 22, 2020 anticipated opening date.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Nuss mentioned that the event Everybody Counts may possibly be canceled but still unclear. Possibly a scaled down event but a decision will be made in the next couple of weeks.

Next meeting will be Thursday, September 10, 2020.

Meeting Adjourned.