

City of North College Hill
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
June 21, 2022 – 7:00 PM

Current Members:

- Anneliese Clear, Recreation Director
- Superintendent Appointees: [2 Required]
 - o Charlene Meyer
 - o Kimberley Stewart
- Mayor Appointees: [3 Required]
 - o Carla Belcher
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 - o Wendy Fischer is a potential nominee. Ms. Clear heard her speak at the May 2 Council meeting and reached out to her to gauge her interest & availability for volunteering to serve on the Commission. [NB: Ms. Fischer's nomination was submitted to Mayor Nichols on July 5.]

Meeting Recap:

- Attendees: Anneliese Clear, Charlene Meyer
- Absent: Kimberley Stewart, Carla Belcher
- Special Guests: Marjorie Anderson & Mary Jo Zorb
- Primary Discussion Points:
 - o Facility Needs:
 - Lack of suitable facilities continues to hinder development of community programs and classes that require facility space.
 - The Recreation Commission requests to be included in future discussions involving potential renovation of the existing City Center administration building.
 - Ms. Meyer suggested that the school building could potentially be available between 3:00 and 5:30 PM. (Janitorial staff leaves at 6:00 PM.) She will confirm with Mr. Blalock.
 - Ms. Clear has begun reaching out to area churches that have classroom spaces in their buildings. She has been unable to reach anyone at Calvary Hilltop. Ms. Zorb suggested contacting Jevette Williams. St. Margaret Mary is a definite “no”. St. Paul is another possibility, as are the churches along Hamilton Ave, near the Goodman business district. New Chronicles is now technically located in Colerain Township, although the pastor is a resident of NCH.
 - o Youth and Community Programs:
 - Ms. Clear researched and recommends partnering with “Enriching Kidz”. They offer a variety of youth programs, and often work with schools, PTA’s, YMCA and recreation departments to get programs set up. Engaging EK will not cost us anything extra, plus, they already have instructors, supplies/materials, and the administrative infrastructure in place. We could set it up one of two ways: direct enrollment (families sign up with EK directly); or group enrollment (families sign up through NCH, and we provide numbers to EK). Ms. Clear recommends having families sign up via NCH for two reasons: first – so we can keep track of enrollment data; and second – so we can facilitate offering financial assistance to reduce

program fees. (We would need to have a mechanism for collecting online payments before we could do this.)

- During Ms. Clear’s discussions with Ms. Fischer, she proposed the idea of offering dog training classes or home improvement classes. We will add these ideas to our list of programs to research.
- o City Parks:
 - Short discussion around “Park & Pace” idea. The concept is similar to the Walking Paths sign that is out front of the city building right now, only with our parks as the starting/ending points. Signs would be placed with a color-coded map, and QR code to download the walking directions to visitors’ smart devices. This could also be “gamified” where various prizes (donated gift cards) could be earned by completing the marked paths.
- o Fund Development:
 - Ms. Clear has compiled a list of potential funding sources for recreational programs and city park renovations, but almost all of them require a 501(c)(3). [There are a small handful that will make exceptions for government units that exist for the sole purpose of improving community vibrancy and quality of life for residents.]
 - Ms. Clear has been instructed to work with the CIC for these types of sources, however, as of the date of the meeting, she had been unable to make contact with anyone at the CIC at all, despite multiple calls & emails. This is likely because it is a volunteer-led organization, with members who have busy day-jobs.
 - Due to the high likelihood of continuing to experience long administrative delays working with the CIC, we discussed the idea of establishing a separate 501(c)(3) just for parks & recreation fundraising purposes.
 - Ms. Clear will draft a proposal to be presented at the next Community Development & Recreation Committee meeting. (July 11, 2022).
- Items Requiring Council Discussion & Vote:
 - o Proposed 501(c)(3) for parks & recreation fundraising needs.
- Action Items:
 - o Ms. Meyer to confirm procedure for school facility use.
 - o Ms. Clear to reach out to additional churches for facility space.
 - o Ms. Clear to prepare a 501(c)(3) proposal to present at the 7/11/2022 Community Development & Recreation Committee meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at 7:00 PM