

# **Recreation Association Steering Committee (RASC)**

## **Meeting Minutes**

March 17, 2016

### **Opening**

The tenth meeting of the Recreation Association Steering Committee (RASC) was called to order at 6:31pm on Thursday, March 17, 2016 in the Landscape Management Building by Eddy Hendricks.

### **Present**

Renee Bradshaw (ACHR), John Dorsett (KRA), Amber Wood (KGLRA), Mike Kirby (WKYA), John Brooks (WRL alternate), Eddy Hendricks (SM/CWA), Roberto Ramos (SM/CWA), Kevin Bennington (SM), Bob Trahan (ODO)

### **Approval of Minutes**

Meeting minutes from January 21, 2016 were approved as written.

### **Old Business**

#### Transition Timeline Update

Kevin provided an update to the information shared in the February 12 email. We are being tasked to gain additional community input prior to any proposed changes.

A citizen survey is being designed by Marketing & Resource Development. It will be mass distributed. Content (approximately 25 questions) will be interactive and assess current participation trends and preferred price points. The survey is several weeks away from finalization but will be sent to all current stakeholders. Preliminary results could be available 3 weeks after release, with deeper analysis taking additional time.

Open community forums are also being planned to gain additional feedback. Two forums are proposed in each quadrant of the city at middle school auditoriums or possibly larger venues dependent on the level of response and results of the citizen survey.

Survey results, recommendations of RASC/subcommittees, and feedback from the public meetings will be compiled to determine a recommended course of action. No changes will be made without City Council approval.

### **New Business**

#### Subcommittee Reports

- Partnership Agreement - Kevin shared that the work of this subcommittee is on hold depending on what happens with the survey/forums. They need more information.
- Tackle Football – Kevin reported that they are currently working on a list of priorities for the season to address safety protocols. The list is being reviewed by Administration and Risk Management. Some items being recommended are general liability insurance, maximum allowable practice time and concussion training for coaches. Creation of an equipment tracking system would ensure proper fitting of equipment to the player and not allowing players to switch equipment. Renee suggested placing equipment numbers on the player ID cards we print so our staff can match equipment to player quicker. Some of the initiatives may require additional resources, which have been OK'ed by Administration. Looking at distribution of the list next week. John Dorsett requested that the information be disseminated sooner rather than later to allow associations time to prepare.
- Flag Football – Roberto shared that the subcommittee looked at the basics in their first meeting, and are proposing a spring program rollout to start. They assessed the various formats currently being used by the Associations, as well as other municipalities. Program offered would be coed and would not have a weight limit. Next meeting is April 20.
- Volleyball – Amber reported that the subcommittee is looking at implementing efficiencies for the Fall 2016 season, to include only 1 “up” official and having the players call lines with a re-do/re-serve on any conflicts. Also proposing 1 part time staff member (Park Aide I) at the table and one Gym Supervisor (Park Aide III). The committee also downloaded bylaws from the Associations and looked at rules from other cities. Committee would also like to explore additional weeknight games (possibly Juniors). Eddy said that we used to request Wednesdays as an additional weeknight to the standard Mondays, and we could possibly get approvals at a few schools. Amber also reported that participation by boys is coming back. Next meeting is March 24.
- Basketball - Eddy reported the subcommittee met for the first time on February 18. A mission statement for the subcommittee and the program as a whole was developed. Members discussed the various rules and formats that each association is currently using. It reinforced the

importance of developing universal guidelines/playing rules so that all children are provided a consistent opportunity regardless of where they live. Next meeting is March 23.

- Softball – no report at this time.

### **Open Discussion**

John Brooks discussed his long-term service to Woodstock Recreation League and relayed that as a first-time attendee to a RASC meeting, he sees the frequent communication that is occurring between Associations as a huge positive.

### **Homework Assignment**

Subcommittees will continue to submit reports to RASC after meetings conclude.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm by Eddy.

### **NEXT MEETING**

April 21, 2016

6:30pm, Landscape Management Large Conference room