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Minutes
May 7, 2012

Members present: Joe O'Brien – Chair (late arrival), Richard Sawyer, Renee King, Katherine Pina, Steve Mele
Members absent: Clyde Takala, Kevin Turner

Also Present: Patti Machado, Director Leisure Services
Joe Izzo, Director, HYCC
Lynne Poyant, Director of Community Services

Meeting called to order at 5:35pm by Katherine Pina, Acting Chair

Motion duly made by Renee King, seconded by Richard Sawyer to approve the minutes of April 2, 2012
Vote: So voted unanimously

Public Comment - *none*

Staff report ¹ provided by Joe Izzo, Director of HYCC

- HYCC summer brochures, flyers and newsletter distributed; programs and offerings within the HYCC reviewed; all are welcome and encouraged to participate
- New In-Health Lifestyle Program reviewed: HYCC is partnering with In-health and offering a multitude of programs including spinning, yoga, pilates, nutritional seminars and more; members of HYCC receive a discount on registration price of In-Health programs
- Butler rink is currently dry; kickball, roller hockey, soccer and flag football are all being offered
- Space is available for hourly rental, non-ice service; continuing to find creative and innovative ways of utilizing space

** Joe O'Brien arrives at 5:40pm

- Learn-to-fence program held at the Horace Mann Charter School
- Skateboard park: Richard Sawyer responds to a youth inquiry regarding the park and crucially needed repairs; safety issues have been raised; funding needed for repairs; staffing and maintenance of park discussed; Kathy Pina requests this site be added to the site visit; use of park is free, however equipment rental fees do apply; the youth in question suggested organizing a group to maintain the park; park unites a variety of users who blend very well; Richard Sawyer urges funding be secured and necessary improvements be made; once improvements are made increase day tournaments and special events at this site
- HYCC programs in place for rainy days; over-crowded beach days; etc.; HYCC website maintains up-to-date information; programs on the dry area continue to be increased to maximize use of space and programs available for all
- Camp programs in place targeting summer camp programs on Cape Cod; associated fees benefit HYCC; would like to transition these programs to Cape visitors as well
- Concessionaire: there are currently two (2) proposals; Richard Sawyer volunteers to participate in the RFP process; Kathy Pina requests healthy food options be abundant; Lynne Poyant confirms this to be a focus as well as healthy beverage options; initial meetings will take place the week of May 14th; Interviews anticipated the week of May 21st
- HYCC was visited by Senator Scott Brown who enjoyed sharing some *hoops* with the youth; HYCC enjoyed wonderful publicity from the local papers as well as being featured on the Today Show
- Joe Izzo commends Commission members and requests they continue in their assistance in helping the HYCC to increase revenue; need to be more creative to increase revenue streams; donor list has been generated and HYCC staff will continue to work on this

- Renee King expresses gratitude to those who participated in the Miles for Memories walk, and complimented the HYCC for being a great location for the *kick-off* point; it's good when multiple entities benefit

Staff Report ² provided by Patti Machado

- No response received yet on a letter to the Acting Town Manager regarding Burgess Park becoming smoke free; Lynne Poyant followed up by email
- Damage at McBarron park reviewed
- HYCC publicity on the Travel Channel; promoting year round opportunities
- Community Preservation Bill passes House; awaiting approval thru the Senate
- Review also included: Spring recreation programs; Patriot Run; Summer brochure; Road Race; Sailing program registration; beach openings; lifeguard coverage; concessionaires; beach stickers; JFK memorial
- Town of Barnstable will be hosting the Cape Cod Lifesaving Competition at Craigville Beach; Best Buddies parking lot will be available; no impact to visitors; all are invited to attend
- Hyannis Yacht Club scholarships for sailing programs
- Cape Cod Sail updated; 501(c)(3) not secured yet; Kalmus beach location on hold temporarily
- Commission requests consideration to be given to the demographic tracking of visitors; possibly coordinate with the Chamber of Commerce and/or through the website

Sail Cape Cod update provided by Charlie Cooper of Sail Cape Cod

- Update provided: 501(c)(3) pending; initial programs scaled back
- Committed to upgrade existing boats and will continue working on them and fulfill obligation
- Focused on moving forward in terms of outreach on volunteers
- Pursuing micro sailing lessons during the Maritime Festival
- Working on curriculum development for veterans, seniors and disabled groups
- Staffing: a list of employee CORI / SORI will need to be provided to Patti Machado
- Commission thanks Mr. Sabatt on good work with the TOB, and request updates be provided to Patti Machado

Little League update

- Brief update provided by Steve Mele: spoke with Coastal Engineering who determined that two fields (McManus and Childs) would be the best thing; lights on one field and identify where lights could go on the second field, but include concession stand, parking, etc.; and provide a firm proposal; Barnstable Little League in favor of project, will contribute money and provide maintenance
- It is anticipated that a submission request for funds from the CPC for an engineering plan will be requested

* Members agree that subcommittee reports be a regular agenda item going forward under old business

Rene King and Kathy Pina

- Tour update provided³
- Kick-off date scheduled for Saturday, May 12th at 8:30am at HYCC; tour leader and assistant will be assigned for each tour date; template will be created, inclusive of field prioritization; and available for Commission members to identify needs / goals with ample space for notes
- Respective Town Councilors and Civic Associations will be contacted with an invitation to attend and provide input as well; TOB staff David Anthony – Chief Procurement Officer and Alisha Parker – Property Management also expressed interest in attending
- Joe O'brien requests an invitation be extended to all Community Preservation Committee (CPC) members because with pending usage changes in the CPC law, CPC member presence would be valuable; request tour meetings convene at the HYCC prior to commencement of tour, Lynne Poyant to clarify with the TOB IT department
- Goal is to complete all visits by September utility the following two months for planning sessions
- Tour template to include field prioritization
- Comments from Civic Associations to be forwarded to Patti Machado

CPC Subcommittee report⁴ provided by Richard Sawyer

- Discussion: McManus property; a much wanted property, however no one stepped up to provide maintenance so the project did not move forward
- CPA House Bill 765: should the bill change, use of funds would open up for existing properties and fields already owned by the TOB; Patti Machado stated that MA Recreation and Parks statewide are very supportive of this bill
- CPC funds: current usage of funds reviewed; funds match opportunities

discussion

- Members agree that funds should be utilized for existing property improvements before acquiring new properties
- Need to look at long term, strategic maintenance plans; tying in with civic groups and increasing partnerships is important
- Explore *adopt-a-field* opportunities
- Richard Sawyer requests Commission approval to suspend the CPC subcommittee for McManus until the CPA bill is passes the Senate

Motion duly made by Kathy Pina, seconded by Renee King to suspend the CPC subcommittee meeting on the McManus property for the summer and concentrate on the existing fields

Vote: So voted unanimously

New Business:

- Community Leader Recognition: utilize criteria from last year, submit nominees for vote at the June 4th meeting, and present award during the July 2nd meeting
- Commission terms reviewed; Steve Mele will remain on the commission; Joe O'Brien to contact Kevin Turner
- June 4th agenda items to include: Community Leader nominees, Barnstable Little League,

Old Business

- Fundraiser: Zumbathon scheduled for Sunday, June 10th; registration 1-2pm, event 2-4pm; funds benefit HYCC
- Best Buddies event: information is provided to the Commission, questions should be addressed to the Attorney of the day at the State Ethics Commission

First Tour meeting scheduled for Saturday, May 5th, 8:30am departing from the HYCC

Next Recreation Commission meeting scheduled for June 4, 2012

Motion duly made by Richard Sawyer, seconded by Steve Mele to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm

¹ Staff report – HYCC

² Staff report – Leisure Services

³ Tour schedule

⁴ CPC Subcommittee report

Respectfully submitted

Theresa M. Santos

Recording Secretary

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