



AQUATICS ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

City of Aurora & Fox Valley Park District

May 18, 2021 10:00AM

Cole Administration Center

101 W. Illinois Avenue, Aurora

1. Call Meeting to Order

President O'Connor called the meeting to order at 10:01AM.

2. Roll Call

President O'Connor directed the Board Secretary to take attendance by roll call. The following members of the Aquatics Administrative Board were physically present: Al Broholm, Mary Anne Cummings, and President Robert O'Connor. A quorum was present. Scheketa Hart-Burns joined the meeting via Teams at 10:22AM. Also present: Executive Director Jim Pilmer, Department Directors Ijams, Kramer, Leahy, Michael, Palmquist, Paprocki, Santoria and Summer, and Kyle Halverson.

3. Addenda to the Agenda

None presented.

4. Minutes

4.1 Approve meeting minutes from April 20, 2021.

Al Broholm made a motion to approve the minutes from April 20, 2021, seconded by Mary Anne Cummings. Roll call voting Aye: Al Broholm, Mary Anne Cummings, and President Robert O'Connor. Voting Nay: none, and the minutes were approved.

5. Continued Business

Director Pilmer reported that he spoke with Mayor Irvin's office regarding the appointment of Aquatics Board members, representing the City of Aurora. The hope is that the city will be represented by the reappointment of Scheketa Hart-Burns, the appointment of a new alderman, and Robert O'Connor will be reappointed to the board assuming the at-large position and representing the majority leadership from the City of Aurora in 2021. In 2022, Robert O'Connor would represent the majority leadership from the FVPD. Roberto Saenz will retire from the board. President O'Connor reported that due to COVID-19 related delays, the election of officers will be held in July 2021.

6. Financial Reports

6.1 Approve Statement of Revenues & Expenses for March 2021.

Mary Anne Cummings made a motion to approve the statement of revenues and expenses for March 2021, seconded by Al Broholm. Roll call voting Aye: Al Broholm, Mary Anne Cummings, and President Robert O'Connor. Voting Nay: none, and the statement was approved.

6.2 Approve Lists of Bills for April 2021 in the amount of \$23,025.37.

Al Broholm made a motion to approve the bills list for April 2021, seconded by Mary Anne Cummings. Roll call voting Aye: Al Broholm, Mary Anne Cummings, and President Robert O'Connor. Voting Nay: none, and the bills list was approved.

7. New Business

7.1. Recreation Report

Jaime Ijams reported on the following:

Both outdoor parks will open for the summer season. Phillips Park will be open Memorial Day weekend only, and then reopen on June 5 until August 15, then weekends only until September 5.

Splash Country will open on June 12 through August 8.

The parks will be operating under IDPH guidelines which include 50% capacity, regulating congested areas, mask guidelines and social distancing requirements for groups of 100.

Based on current operating guidelines, season passes will not be sold at this time.

The District is still in need of seasonal aquatics staff to support both parks including lifeguards and admissions and continues to recruit and train.

New programming at Phillips Park includes dedicated times for Parent/Tot Swim, Lap Swim, and Adult Float.

Swim lessons will be consolidated and streamlined and are offered at Phillips Park only on weekdays, evenings, and Saturday mornings. Private lessons popular at the indoor facility will now also be offered at outdoor facilities.

Party and reservation requests have been slow, although calls have increased a bit as of late.

Al Broholm asked about signage at Phillips Park. Jeff Palmquist reported that he has coordinated with the COA Public Works department who is fabricating the sign and will erect it. Al also asked about repainting the existing sign on Montgomery Road which he reports, is faded.

President O'Connor thanked Jaime and her staff for the responsive and responsible work by the Recreation department.

7.2. Operations Report

John Kramer reported that his team has been working hard at preparing both facilities which are fully operational and have encountered no major obstacles so far. President O'Connor also commended John and his staff, stating the facilities and the upkeep is the best the board has ever seen.

7.3. Marketing Report

President O'Connor stated the board is very appreciative of the efforts of the Marketing department on behalf of the facilities and credits that to the leadership.

Dan Leahy introduced Kyle Halverson as the Interim Director of Marketing & Communications, as of June 1, 2021, as Dan leaves the District to accept a position elsewhere. He stated for the upcoming summer season, Marketing will be working with our school partners and websites, as well as pushing daily passes. There will be less print media and more electronic on an ongoing basis. Dan thanked the board for its support and leadership and is confident he is leaving the District in good hands with Kyle.

8. Adjourn

Al Broholm made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mary Anne Cummings. Roll call voting Aye: Al Broholm, Mary Anne Cummings, Scheketa Hart-Burns, and President Robert O'Connor. Voting Nay: none, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:49AM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kim Nooncaster

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Board Secretary*