

MINUTES

Frederick Douglass Recreation Complex Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 15, 2025
5:30 P.M. - Douglass Activity Center

Board Members present: Mr. Kevin Bryant, Ms. Adrian Cruz, Ms. Karla Hagemeister, Ms. Deb Nuss, and Ms. Susmita Rishi.

Staff Members: Ms. Kyliah Kellermann, Mr. Dereck Thomas, and Mr. Aaron Stewart.

Guest In Attendance: Jeremy.

A. OPENING OF REGULAR MEETING

Mr. Bryant called the meeting to order at 5:32pm.

B. MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Hagemeister, seconded by Ms. Cruz, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 5, 2024. On 4-0 vote, motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeremy provided information of the warming center at the Center of Hope Ministry and that it is operating daily with the help and time from volunteers.

D. MEMBERSHIP FEES – AARON STEWART, PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

Mr. Stewart provided updated information for recreation membership fees with the anticipation of start date being February 1st. Fees will be \$10 per person per month, families consisting of two adults and two children under the age of 18 will be \$30 per month with any additional child add on fee of \$5 per child per month. Douglass Activity Center will continue with the Fitness add on fees of \$25 per adult per month and \$15 per senior per month. Any person who shows any type of help with funds (ex. Reduced school lunch) will automatically receive 50% off their monthly membership fee. Scholarship funding is available to help those who wish to submit a form, also while agencies appoint someone in need for membership fee coverage of any age. All forms and payments will be given to the Parks and Recreation department, to be invoiced to the Parks and Recreation Foundation.

Ms. Hagemeister asked if there will be a select number of social service agencies to utilize the scholarship program. No limit of agencies will be given.

Ms. Nuss asked what happens if the Foundation runs out of funds and/or can't keep up with the needed funds. Mr. Stewart shared the current funds in the Foundation is about \$50,000 and funding would first come from the Parks and Recreation budget.

Ms. Rishi asked if there would be a way to 'pay it forward' to help someone with their membership and/or cover the cost. Mr. Stewart asked that all donations be made to the Parks and Rec Foundation.

E. ACTIVITIES, PROGRAMS, AND FACILITIES UPDATE

Mr. Thomas shared that turf is down on the Douglass Community Center floor for indoor soccer and stored on stage when need be. Further needs for rentals such as baseball and softball are encouraged and will be advertised. The Douglass Annex will remain available for all other rentals.

Mr. Bryant asked how the roofs for the Community Center and the Annex have been with the weather and now snow removal. Report given from the staff is no issues and no leaks.

Ms. Kellermann gave an update on court activities. The Activity Center is seeing rentals of volleyball and basketball practices taking place 4 -5 days per week. Youth indoor soccer met the minimum of participants, with the first session now taking place.

F. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Bryant mentioned his concerns of no crosswalk being in place between the Community Center and the Annex building. Ms. Nuss shared that the RCPD street study showed there was no need or warrant for the crosswalk at this time. Mr. Stewart will talk with Mr. Wyatt Thompson in the City Manager's Office about the possibility of have lines painted at the least.

Meeting adjourned.