

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
Preliminary Minutes
September 16, 2011

Present: Chad Vande Lune, Jacki Craver, Stephen Dykstra, Chad Klein, Sher Fulker, Jo Ella Gerber & John Roslien

Staff: Mallary Herring, Chandler Nunnikhoven & Brenda Ross

Jamie Schiferl, of 3rd Reformed Church, videotaped the group saying "The Community Services Board pledges their support". This will be used as part of the Healthiest State Initiative.

John made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 26th meeting. This was seconded by Chad K. Chad VL mentioned that Jerry Rowe name was missed spelled in the minutes. The revised minutes were approved by a motion from John and a second from Chad K.

New Program Update

Jenny has been communicating with several individuals at Central College relating to how they may want to be involved with the free community workouts. Work Systems Rehab & Fitness has also shown their support and is willing to volunteer staff time to mentor those leading the workouts. It's been a little slow going with Central so far, so wondering if starting things up in the spring might be better. Jenny would like to get an internship for the program established so that a student can really develop and implement it. Hopefully that will be enticing as a resume builder! Any thoughts the committee has would be welcomed, as well as any other community support!

The board will be thinking of names for the new program. The board thought that January would be a good time to implement it, as most individuals list losing weight as a New Year's Resolution. The board would like to see a variety of activities offered not just running. Examples listed were walking the trail at Big Rock Park, basketball, walking against the current at the Adventure River and bike riding. The board would like to see it offered in both the am and pm times. John suggested that Dave Pavlat at Central College would be a good person to contact.

AT&T Update

Jenny has been communicating with a consultant hired by AT&T to explore the possibility of putting an antenna inside the chimney of the Community Center that would not be visible from the exterior. AT&T would pay \$1,800 per month for the lease of the space to the Community Services department. The latest word from AT&T is that they would like to build a small storage building where the current shed is on the north side of the building for their equipment. This would eliminate any need for them to access the Community Center for routine maintenance. Staff is working with P&Z on requirements for this and should see a proposal from AT&T to bring to the Council within the next month.

Room 201 Lease

Union Street Players would like to lease room 201 on a yearly basis. The drivers' license station will have to move to room 200, so they will be contacting the phone company about moving the phone and internet connections. Hope to have everything completed by November 1st.

Brinkhoff Park Update

Chad VL gave a progress report on the Brinkhoff Windmill. The footings for the windmill are ready to be poured at the park and the foundation structure will be poured next week. Lumber costs are \$1400; stone costs are \$1700 to \$2000 with installation \$2000 to \$2500. Chad stated that they are in need of

painters. Three (3) coats will need to be applied to each board. Most of the building did get primed last Saturday. The roof will be done in cedar shingles which all will have to be resized to make look correct. The plan is to move it back to the park sometime in October.

Community Garden Update

This program will provide garden space to residents who could not otherwise have a garden at their home. We will charge a small rental fee, but will provide tools and water. Fencing, tilling, tool purchases, and potentially running a new water line are items that will require start-up costs. The garden will be located in Kiwanis Park to the west of the tennis courts which has good soil. There is compost at the Park's shop that will be used. Jim Zaffiro, Central College, was mentioned as a contact person. The board will be thinking of names for the new garden.

Goal Setting Session

The board would like to dedicate a whole meeting to goal setting ideas.

Current Grant Applications

Staff shared the following list with the board. It contains the items that are currently in need of grant funding and/or would be possible only through grant funding. Some formal grants have been applied for through the Pella Rollscreen Foundation, Pella Community Foundation, and Marion County Foundation. The list has also been shared with the Pella Business Women's Club who requested a list of projects to which their club could contribute.

- Bike rack for the Community Center (~\$300)
 - We have had recent requests for this.
- Drinking fountain for Community Center by Art Center
 - The current fountain is in working order, but does not have a cooler for the water.
- Big screen movie equipment (\$~12,000)
 - We are applying for a Pella Rollscreen grant and potentially others as well.
 - This equipment would allow us to host Family Film Fridays in parks or potentially even at the pools.
 - Once the equipment is purchased, we will be looking for individual film sponsors to the tune of approx. \$300.
- Repainting of the Molengracht (~\$9,000)
 - This will be paid for by the City budget, but the repainting ended up being necessary before it was planned. Painting is completed, but the expenditure is unbudgeted in this fiscal year.
- Start up costs for two new programs
 - Free community workouts
 - This program will allow residents of all ages and fitness levels to come together for the sake of fitness. Volunteers will lead 30 minute workouts 2-3 mornings per week ranging in scope and difficulty.
 - Community gardens
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- Citywide committee working on the Healthiest State Initiative, which has a goal of making Iowa the healthiest state in the nation by 2016, are planning a "Start Somewhere" walk on Friday, October 7 at noon, which is when over 150 other communities across the state will be

walking as well. The idea is to give wristbands (like rubber Livestrong bracelets) to participants to give them a daily reminder to be active and also to work as a way to receive “perks” from local businesses which are being offered to participants. Total cost of the wristbands approximately \$2,400. Currently looking for local support to help cover the cost of those bands. Since no one organization or company is sponsoring the event, there is no real budget; however, many in the community are contributing as they can.

Open Discussion from Board Members

Dog dip days was well attended with 20 dogs and 40 owners. This will be an annual event.

Family Night Swim will be offered again next year one night a week. Suggestion was made to put this on the Community Event Calendar e-mailed out through the Chamber of Commerce.

Closing the Aquatic Center due to staff shortage, can this be avoided? Mallery is already working on that for next year.

Next meeting will be Friday, October 21 at noon in the Community Center Room 200. Chad made motion to adjourn, seconded by John. Meeting adjourned at 12:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda Ross

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