

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE  
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM  
March 6, 2019, 4:45 pm

Committee Members present:      Councilor Nancie Cameron, Chair  
   Councilor Richard R. Michaud, Vice Chair  
   Councilor Martin P. Dumont, Sr.  
   Councilor Donald Austin

Administration/Staff present:      City Manager, Bob Belmore  
   City Clerk, Trish Harris  
   Superintendent, Robert Gadowski

Other:                                      School Building and Grounds, Tom McCallion  
   School Building and Grounds, John O'Brien  
   Facilities Director, Karl Ingoldsby  
   School Board Chair, Mark Richardson

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Cameron at 4:45 pm

Councilor Cameron introduced herself as the newly appointed Chair of the Recreation Committee and stated that Richard Michaud has been appointed as Vice Chair.

MEET WITH SCHOOL BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE  
MEMORIAL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS PER JOINT COUNCIL-SCHOOL BOARD GOAL

Councilor Cameron stated that at the Goal Setting Session, there was discussion about upgrades to the football field concession stand, including the announcement "birdhouse" and restrooms.

Tom McCallion distributed plans and quote from an architectural firm. The schematic included a cinderblock facility with two restrooms, concessions, and birdhouse, at a cost of approximately \$150,000. This plan was to rebuild the current concession facility.

City Manager Belmore stated that there was some consensus, in previous meetings, to have a restroom built beside the current concession. The prior Recreation Committee Chair was advocating to just do the restrooms because of the cost.

There was discussion about forming a committee comprised of 3-4 members of the Recreation Committee and the School Building and Grounds Committee to develop a plan and cost to be presented to the City Council.

City Manager Belmore suggested that this be discussed at the Joint City Council & School Board Budget Workshop that is scheduled for next Monday, March 11, 2019, for clarification and consensus before moving forward with attaining a cost and plans.

There was lengthy discussion as to who benefits from the use of this field and where funding should come from. To cover the cost of maintenance, rental fees could be charged to organizations, like ice time fees at the ice rink. This could be an enterprise fund or dedicated fund.

There was discussion about the condition of other fields in the City, specifically the girls' softball field. City Manager Belmore explained that the City has been successful in obtaining land and conservation grants for the Mast Point Dam project and for Jules Bisson Park. It may be possible to get grants for the girls' softball field, lights at the football field or even this project.

***Consensus of the Committee was to discuss this at the Joint City Council & School Board Meeting on Monday, March 11, 2019.***

#### MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Councilor Dumont moved to accept the minutes of the Meeting held on January 7, 2019, seconded by Councilor Michaud; motion passed 4-0.

#### PUBLIC ART WALL

There was brief discussion about suggested locations for an art wall, including the Middle School, since a Middle School student presented this idea to Council.

City Manager Belmore stated that perhaps the CTC might get involved with building a wall.

***Consensus of the Committee is to refer this back to the Joint Commission of the City Council and School Board.***

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Tom McCallion encouraged more transparency between this committee and City Council. Councilor Dumont explained that the Chairs of each committee give a report at the City Council meetings regarding the Committee meetings.

***Councilor Dumont moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Austin, motion passed 4-0 and the meeting adjourned at 5:16pm.***

Respectfully submitted,

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Trish Harris, City Clerk