

Claremont Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes of the March 13, 2023, meeting

Present: Jeffrey Coburn, Jeff Chase, Eric Zengota, Robert Pickul, Rob Walker, Chad Myhre, Dana McGrath, John Simonds, Allyn Girard, Dylan Gelineau

Excused: Sheila Rook, Jim Feleen, Melissa Richmond, Ray Hughes

Staff: Nick Lawrence, Director

Quorum and Call to Order

A quorum was met and the meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Approval of Minutes of the January 9, 2023, and February 13, 2023, meetings

January — Motion to Approve: John Simonds. Second: Rob Walker. Vote: unanimous.

February — Motion to Approve: John Simonds. Second: Chad Myhre. Vote: unanimous.

New Business

CSBCC 10-Year Celebration

The Center will host 10 days of activities marking the 10th anniversary of its opening. Plans include a daily raffle basket, free classes (to be promoted on social media), activity bingo, and a photo booth. Mr. Lawrence will provide graphics files to Ms. McGrath for use on social media. Commissioners offered their time to assist with activities, if needed.

Upcoming RFPs

Mr. Lawrence reported on two RFPs. The first is for the new playground at Barnes Park; it will be published within the next two weeks.

The second is for new CSBCC fitness equipment. Mr. Lawrence estimates that the department will spend about \$177,000 of its reserve budget for equipment (a cumulative fund added to every fiscal year, currently totaling about \$300,000). The equipment in the fitness room was purchased three years ago; there is no maintenance agreement in place. Mr. Coburn noted that three years ago, the commissioners proposed leasing the new equipment, but the City Council decided on the purchase option. The department should revisit/re-propose a lease arrangement for this year's equipment.

Moody Park Disc Golf Course / Initial PDGA Tournament

Mr. Gelineau reported that a sponsorship campaign has raised close to \$5,000; funds will be used to purchase custom shirts and discs, as well as pro pay-outs of several hundred dollars to attract professional players to Claremont tournaments.

Players have been using the course throughout the winter. He noted that some of the steeper "gully" holes are sign-posted as closed because of snow conditions, and that other work will be done to improve the course. He suggested that there be a putting green so that visitors to the park will have a chance to try out the game and

perhaps become regular players. Other possibilities for promoting the course to the public include information at the Visitor Center, social media posts and photos, and a PSA developed by CCTV.

Claremont's initial Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA) Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, May 27, preceded by a ribbon-cutting.

Mr. Coburn noted that Mr. Gelineau, Alex Baldwin and Casey Besaw have been the key movers and developers of the course. He asked that commissioners lend them a hand when needed to keep the course in prime condition players.

Old Business

CSBCC RFQ Update

Mr. Lawrence has been meeting with the consultant over the past few weeks, both at the Center (where the consultant spent an entire day learning about the building and programs) and via phone. The report will be delivered in late April/early May.

Other Business

Mr. Chase noted that the regular league basketball season went well; he was a referee. He also asked if what he heard was true: that the minimum age to use the fitness room may be raised (at present, 12 years old with a chaperone); Mr. Lawrence said this might be one of the consultant's recommendations.

Ms. Girard noted that the Real Steel Boxing Club be added to the city marquee of sports activities. She also would like to see extensive promotion of upcoming summer programs that would encourage participants to become CSBCC members.

Ms. McGrath would like to explore the Center's working with the Claremont Opera House in terms of the COH grant funding student attendance (at present, for example, free tickets to COH events).

Adjournment

Motion: Jeffrey Chase. Second: Allyn Girard. Vote: unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.

Next meeting: Monday, April 10, 2023, 6pm CSBCC