

**Community Services Advisory Committee  
Meeting 4/13/16**

Present: Sara Maccoll, Terri Patterson, Trish Brigham, Susannah Measelle-Hobbs, Russell Packett

- I. **February minutes:** approved with the edit noting that Trish Brigham was in attendance.
- II. **Budget Update:**  
Russell presented his budget to the Town Council several weeks ago and all went well. There was very little change in this year's budget vs. last year's with the exception of some of the line items being reclassified as a result of Community's Services move from the purview of the School Board to the Town Council. This switch required that Community Services employees see their benefits package modified to comply with those offered by town employees vs. school employees. The impact seems to be minimal and non-problematic.
- III. **Jordan Trust Request:**  
Russell met with representatives from the Jordan Trust and presented a request for \$24,500 in scholarship to fund 7, 2-day/week slots in the pre-school program. This is in recognition of the significant benefit that pre-schoolers derive from participating in such programs in terms of readiness for Kindergarten. The request was generously approved.

Typically, scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis, but given that this is the first year of this program and it is difficult to determine how many applications will be made and how they will flow in, a lottery may be used to allocate the funds to service the greatest number of students.

- IV. **School Request for Use of Fitness Center for athletic teams:**  
Concerns around this request include: excessive wear & tear on the equipment, the inequitable use of membership discounts, overcrowding in the Center during the after school hours. The Committee discussed various options, but concluded that, assuming the request was likely the result of the deplorable condition of the High School's weight room, it might be more efficient and cost-effective for the booster groups to focus efforts on upgrading/renovating the weight. Committee requested that Russell communicate this to Scott Shea and also offer Community Service's possible collaboration on the project.
- V. **Update on Pool Dehumidification System:**  
Current system is limping along and fingers crossed that it continues to work, particularly as weather gets warmer.

Bids for work to be done have come in near the figure which Facilities Committee had expected. Challenges are arising around scheduling of work and are being negotiated. Ideal plan would be closure beginning August 8 and re-opening on September 24. This schedule would minimize revenue loss and lack of accessibility

at peak usage time. Unfortunately, there appear to be some potential delays that might push this schedule back. Currently being discussed before final contract awarded.

Recurring issue of how to utilize pool time in most efficient and equitable was discussed. Currently there is competing demands for lanes between adult swim classes and open-swim, lap swimmers between 5:30 and 6:30 AM. The committee considered several options including pushing open lap swim to 6:30 AM and/or eliminating classes at 5:30-6:30 PM. Various pricing options, and lap swim protocols were discussed as well. No conclusive decisions made. All protocols related to pool use will be reviewed and re-communicated re-opening of pool in the Fall.

**VI. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 18.**