

Community Services Advisory Committee Meeting
May 18, 2016

Meeting called to order 6:35 pm.

Present: Tara Sumopoulus, Debbie Butterworth, Amy Lombard, Sarah MacColl, Russell Packett, Terri Patterson.

Minutes approved.

Office Update: Benefits package changes for staff reviewed.

Jane Anderson has been managing putting together a new website and CCS logo. Working with Brain Wissley. Also several other marketing efforts. Nice report from Jane.

Kathy Raftice ran a Tech Tuesday for seniors. Very well received. Lots of help from high school students. Facebook page got the most views ever. 1193 saw it.

Likely after 7/1, Kathy and Russell will be on Town Council agenda to talk about senior needs and services. Russell would like some guidance from them as to top priorities from town's Senior Report generated last year.

Update on bus possibility: now that CS is under town umbrella, we might be able to successfully deal with insurance issues Russell doesn't know if there is support for the bus from Town Manager/Council. Could be used by other groups besides seniors. No special license required for vehicles that carry under 15 people.

Scholarship process from Jordan Trust for Cape Care preschool: CS has revisited how that process will work. Looks like IF less than 7 applicants: all will be funded. Over 7, lottery for 7 slots. If under 7 then all will be funded balance on a first come served basis. \$3500 per child would be provided for up to 7 children, which is two days a week for the school year.

911 share: working out how this works for all school and CS.

Pickleball update: meeting was held with tennis and pickleball players to discuss shared courts and a long range plan to accommodate both as pickleball grows. Players are coming from out of town to play, and 30 players could play in a three hour session. This is incompatible with tennis, so the plan is to post signs that reserve the pond tennis court T/Th for pickleball. Public works will be asked to install signs. Long term pickleball plan seems like redoing the upper courts for pball makes sense. \$100K? Who would raise the funds?

Terri noted that this is just one Fort crowding issue. Use of the Fort is concerning neighbors. Parking problems and noise have increased. When groups are big and quasi organized, when do they infringe on public access and enjoyment? Seems like we are facing this issue with CE resources.

Pool Dehumidification Project Plan: pool is to close 8/5 reopen 9/24. 220,000 gallons of water.....the system is very precarious and as temp and humidity rise outside who knows if the system will continue to work. The new system will use a lot less chlorine, using UV to kill germs. The new inflatable will also arrive when the pool reopens.

Sarah MacColl's suggestion at last month's meeting that we have an opportunity for education of pool users August-September-October was discussed. Sarah noted that Coast Endurance, an adult coached swim program T/Th 5:30-6:30 am wants another lane to accommodate a waiting list. Zev Myerwitz, a participant, emailed information about pool use, lap swimmers, and high demand for the Coastal program in support of their request. They have been asking for additional lanes this winter. Although on some days lap swimmer counts are low, Andrew and Russell are trying to maintain access for lap swimmers. Comments from various pool users indicate a willingness to be flexible, but also others not showing up are resigned to not being able to get a morning swim due to coached programs.

The committee agreed that a pool user forum should be held to take public input for fair pool use. This should be scheduled for August.

Scott Shea's request for high school team use of the fitness center was discussed in April. The committee had indicated that it seemed a bad idea, noting wear and tear on the equipment, the smallness of the space for active, big high school athletes, and bumping other users were potential drawbacks. Also, if the high school users would be paying fees to use the space, it seems a better use of funds for them to acquire equipment like TRX's that could be mobile.

Again, it was noted that we'll continue to face high demand for scarce resources. The tricky balance of fair access, revenue generation, and expected tax payer benefits will test residents' patience and require careful well thought out changes by town employees.

Submitted by Sarah MacColl