

Town of Cape Elizabeth
Community Services Committee
Meeting Minutes
3/20/2019

Present: Andrea Ernst, Amy Lombardo, Jill Palmore and Terri Patterson

Absent: Sarah MacColl, Jon Mortimer, Tara Simpoloulos

Staff: Kathy Raftice

Public: None

Call to order: Kathy Raftice opened the meeting at 5:38 pm

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The January 23, 2019 draft minutes were approved as written. (4 -Yes,0 -No)

Correspondence: None

Agenda Items:

Fitness center update: The cable has been installed and tvs are working. ESPN should be installed and up and running soon.

Pool update: There is no change with circle swimming, no recent feedback. The middle of the day hours are underutilized and we are looking for additional programs to fill that time.

Community Center Updates: The Spring/Summer 2019 catalogue is out and has been mailed. All committee members commented that the layout looks great and feels user friendly and well organized. Kathy informed us that there are lots of new programs being offered for seniors/adults. The youth programs continue to have a lot of participation. Summer camps are all set to go. Registration opens online on March 24th.

There is a possibility that a high schooler will be asked to join the Community Center committee in the future. The committee was excited about that potential.

The Shawnee Peak ski program went very well this year. Lots of excellent adult chaperones and amazing organization by Kelly Phinney.

Brochure Changes: Kathy proposed sending out a shortened version of offerings (spreadsheet format) in the future for programs that are consistently offered and don't change. The rest of the programs being offered will be available online only. This would be for the August brochure.

The committee was enthusiastic about that idea. An idea was proposed around sending out information in winter about upcoming summer speciality camps (flyer format) so that people can begin planning sooner. Newsletter that Jane and Linda worked on looks great as well.

Tri update: This is a community event that takes place in September. Kathy informed us that next year the information about the Tri will be in the March catalogue so that people see it sooner. There is an "early bird" discount for those who sign up before July 4th. CECS is reaching out to PE teachers to spread the word. CMA may be another possible contact.

Fort Williams Update: There is a public hearing on 4/8 for the pay and display issue. The town council will vote on May 6th on how to proceed based on the public hearing discussion in April. People are encouraged to spread the word and attend the hearing or write letters to express their thoughts.

There is a 3-5 year plan for increasing bus fees at the park (there is a general consensus that it needs to be higher). This year the fees will stay at \$100. The parking lot project is slated to begin on April 1st (LP Murray has been chosen to complete the project) and the goal is for it to be completed by Memorial Day weekend.

A replacement will be hired for Kerry Kertes this spring. Kathy will also be hiring bus greeters. She needs a minimum of 4 people for this seasonal position.

Save the date: August 21st is World Senior Citizen Day. There will be a cookout and games at Fort Williams. All are encouraged to come and join.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm

Submitted by Andrea Ernst

Next meeting, Wednesday April 17, 2019 at 5:30 pm at Cape Elizabeth Community Center.