



Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: November 16, 2011

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Conestoga Recreation & Aquatic Center

In Attendance

Committee Members:	Paige Dickson, Bob Miller, Leslie Coefield, Sharon Peters, Deanna Draeper
Absent:	Alaka Sarangdhar
Staff:	Eric Owens, Brian Powers, Ann Mackiernan
Guest:	Sarah Yahna

I. Call to Order

Adam called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

The Committee approved the minutes from the October meeting with clarification suggested by staff, noting that the list of suggestions from class instructors will come directly from the instructors and will be presented at the December meeting.

III. Financial Report

N/A

IV. Old Business

No old business discussed.

V. New Business

Comprehensive Plan: Ann Mackiernan, Operational Analysis Manager, explained the Comprehensive Plan. The current plan dates from 2006. It includes plans for the future of the Park District, and a game plan to get there. Using data from the 2010 census, the District now has more accurate demographics, making this a good time for a plan update. The District also wants to adjust for the things accomplished with the recently passed bond measure. The 2012 plan update will be a partial update rather than a complete rewrite.

Ann explained that there are functional plans that are subordinate to the Comprehensive Plan and have more specific detail. The District will ask for Advisory Committee feedback on the functional plans.

Approval of New Committee Member Sarah Yahna: Sarah Yahna attended the October meeting and expressed interest in becoming a Committee member. Her primary Center is Conestoga, which currently is not represented on the Committee. The Committee read her answers to the interview questions and unanimously approved her as new member.

Fitness Program Brainstorming: The emphasis of the brainstorming session was on the fitness programs and how to address the reduced participation, largely due to competition from commercial facilities. Ann Mackiernan served as facilitator.

The group listed the pros and cons of participating in the THPRD fitness programs, compared with the commercial centers.

The advantages of THPRD programs over the commercial facilities primarily centered on smaller class size, more personal attention, and less intimidating atmosphere for those who are not young or not athletes.

The Committee suggested that the District return to the practice of showing the size of the wait list when people register through the website. That way, people on the wait list can see how long the list is and assess their chances of getting into the class. Committee members with children noted that the switch to earlier registration makes it more difficult for members with children to plan ahead and preferred the previous registration dates.

Some Committee members suggested that the Centers could schedule fitness classes to better coincide with children's activities. That way, parents could drop their children off at the activity and participate in a fitness class while they wait.

Deanna noted that Garden Home has an older demographic. Committee members would like to see what the age demographics are for the different Centers.

The discussion concluded due to time and will be resumed at their next meeting.

Fitness Punch Card: In response to a Committee question from the September meeting, the staff reported that there is a punch card for aerobics and are good for one year from date of purchase.

- VII. Next Meeting:** The December meeting was tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 14. Following the previous rotation, it would be Cedar Hills' turn to host the meeting. The Committee suggested January 25th at Garden Home for the following meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Bless
Recording Secretary