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Recreation Advisory Committee
April 13, 2011
7pm
Cedar Hills Recreation Center

Agenda

I. Introductions

II. Approval of Minutes

III. Tour of Facility

IV. Center Presentation

V. Registration Survey

VI. Funding Request - Garden Home

VII. Policy Review - Family Assistance

VIII. Policy Review – Naming Facilities/Parks

IX. Set Next Meeting Date/Time

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In-district Registration Survey – April 2011

At THPRD, we are continually striving to improve our program registration process. In that spirit, we value your input in making changes that will benefit you.

Based on public input received in a survey we did in January, we are moving our fall registration from September to August. Another change under consideration is to begin registration on a weeknight (instead of Saturday morning, as we've traditionally done).

In the past, our registration period for fall began the Saturday following Labor Day weekend at 8 a.m. and continued through the following Friday. We are proposing to begin in-district registration on Saturday, August 20, at 8 a.m., or Tuesday, August 23, at 6:30 p.m.

We're also considering changes for Winter 2011, Spring 2012, Summer 2012, and Summer Camp 2012 registration. Please let us know your opinion on all proposed changes by marking your answers to the following four questions. **(Note: In-district residents only, please)**

1. For Fall 2011 registration, do you prefer to start registration on a weeknight or continue with the current practice of a Saturday morning start?

   ☐ Saturday, August 20 ☐ Tuesday, August 23

2. For Winter 2012 registration, do you prefer to start registration on a weeknight or continue with the current practice of a Saturday morning start

   ☐ Saturday, December 10 ☐ Saturday December 13

3. Would you like registration for winter and spring classes to start at the same time in December or would you prefer a separate registration period for spring classes starting in early March?

   ☐ Same time (December for both winter and spring classes)
   ☐ Separate date (December for winter classes, March for spring classes)

4. For 2012 summer camp registration, would you like to maintain the current practice of registering for summer camps and classes at the same time, or would you prefer that registration for summer camps and summer classes be separate? **(THPRD's payment practice for summer camps -- $25 minimum deposit per child per class at time of registration -- will stay the same regardless of survey outcome.)**

   ☐ Same time (April 15 for both summer camp and class registration)
   ☐ Separate date (Feb. 15 for summer camps and May 15 for summer classes)

Please reply by 5 p.m. on April 22. *Thank you for taking the time to participate. Your answers will be factored into our final decision.*

Comments may be submitted via e-mail to registration@thprd.org.

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Garden Home Recreation Center

MEMO

To: Eric Owens
From: Lindsay Bjork
Date: March 24, 2011
RE: Foundation Account Funding Request

Garden Home Recreation Center currently does not have an active Friends Group so I would like to ask the Recreation Advisory Committee to approve the attached spending request from our foundation account. The current Garden Home foundation account balance is $16,804.76.

NTE:	$1,300.00	Various summer camp trip deposits and payments
NTE:	$1,500.00	Sports camp supplies. Expanded onsite and offsite camps (Hazeldale).
NTE	$3,000.00	Summer camp supplies (Kids Quest, Camp Garden Home, Disco Adventure)
NTE	$1,000.00	Dance Recital Rental Rate, Beaverton High School

Total Funding Request: $6,800.00

New balance after approval: $10,004.76

Thank you for your consideration.

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Family Assistance Policy Update

Background:
The Family Assistance Program (FA) continues to provide an important service to the community. However, our concerns about unabated growth in the program remain constant as well. Usage through February for the current fiscal year totaled $320,000, compared to $249,000 through the same period a year ago, a 28% increase. What's more, we are now projecting a total usage at the end of this fiscal year of $554,000 minimum, which would be a 15% increase over last year's actual total of $483,000.

Clearly, these numbers show that we have not seen a peak in Family Assistance usage. February usage alone was almost $36,000, up 38% from the February 2010 figure of $26,000. Our staff Family Assistance administrator, Kylie Bayer, estimates she receives 10-20 requests for assistance every day.

As you know, we have implemented a number of action steps in the last three years to eliminate loopholes and ensure that the program benefits those who are truly in financial hardship. However, given the continued economic downturn, steady population influx, higher class fees per the fee policy, and increased awareness of Family Assistance, it is prudent to consider further action.

Plan of Action

Award Distribution Change:
A small, internal team of staff members with program and FA knowledge has held several meetings to discuss the issue and explore options. Currently, FA recipients who qualify based on residency and income guidelines are awarded $200 per person per household per year. Members of the internal team recommend that we change this to $50 per person per household every three months. Those who are already receiving FA would be grandfathered until they reach the end of their 12-month cycle.

Paying into the FA:
One additional change under consideration is the prospect of each participant within the program paying a small, non-refundable percentage (5%-10%) up front in order to gain access to funding support. Part of the review will focus on the possibility of segmenting those who would have to pay by income levels - above and below the federal poverty line. This concept will need a good deal of discussion.

THRPD will continue supporting affiliated youth sports leagues through the FA program. In order to address the length of season concern (most sports seasons run beyond three months), consideration will be given to funding two quarters from the FA program.

I am directing staff to bring forward the above proposed changes to our respective program advisory committees for their review and consideration. At this point, we are proposing an implementation date of July 1 this year.

It will be our desire to craft changes that will have an appreciable impact on the numbers while still providing critically needed assistance to the community.