

NORTH HUMBOLDT PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT

Board Meeting
September 19, 2017

PRESENT: Jan Ross, Harvey Kelsey, Pam Loudenslager
Staff: Dave Nakamura, Lawre Maple
Guests: Julie Costello, pool patron

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jan Ross at 3:32 p.m. at the Arcata Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center, 1635 Heindon Road, Arcata, California.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was passed (Kelsey/ Loudenslager) to approve the agenda as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was passed (Loudenslager/Kelsey) to approve the minutes of the meeting on August 23, 2017.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Lawre brought up the issue of highly aromatic substance use in locker rooms. We discussed use by a patron of highly aromatic substances in the women's locker room and objection to such usage by another patron. Curt words were exchanged and the issue was not resolved. In order to possibly address the issue, a discussion of signage ensued, but with no conclusion.

PUBLIC INPUT

Julie Costello presented the argument that youth under the age of 18 should be allowed to lap swim in the lap lanes. The present policy is that persons must be 18 years or older for use of the lap lanes.

REPORTS

Reports by Lawre Maple:

- There are several good new employees.
- A new person filling the role of pool coordinator is imminent.
- Discussion of front desk coverage and lack therein at certain times. Full-time front desk coverage no doubt cuts down on persons sneaking in deliberately without paying. Persons sneaking in deliberately without paying is an ongoing problem.
- Lawre announced that she will provide a life guarding class.
- We discussed Julie Costello's concerns (see Public Input, above). A compromise was reached wherein on two evenings a week, Monday and Thursday, from 7pm–9pm, youth ages 15–17 will be able to lap swim. Lawre will communicate this compromise to Julie.

FINANCIALS

- Dave reported that, monetarily, we are where we were last year at this time and that is good.
- Chemical costs are down 10 – 15%, which is a saving of \$3,000 – \$4,000 annually.
- Pool has a new credit card, with 10% less annual cost, for significant savings.
- On the negative side, the water bill is >\$2,000/month: "it is what it is", opines Dave.
- We need to hold off on Sound Board installation – see Capital Improvement Plan below.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Capital Improvement Plan:

- Personal lockers was discussed and tabled.
- We will commit to the following three (relatively minor) expenses in 2017-18:
 1. Replace slide hardware and do slide maintenance;
 2. Automated chemistry controller replacement in hot tub;
 3. Replace patio doors.
- In addition, we commit to a major capital expense: in summer 2018, we will repave driveway, reconfigure and pave parking areas, and replace sewer lateral for an estimated total expense of \$40,000.
- We will hold off on the replacement of the sound boards until we know the final cost of the sewer lateral installation and the parking lot repaving and redesign.

B. Discuss Fees/Pricing Adjustment for Pool Programs.

This was our annual decision discussion to adjust the fee structure to reflect increased expenses. The major increased expenses for the coming year are hourly wage increases required by the minimum wage law, and expenses incurred for capital improvements and maintenance as described above in item A-Old Business. We discussed fee adjustments for different types of passes. For one-visit passes, we retained the youth discount category but eliminated the Adult and Senior discount categories. For one-visit passes, fees went up less than a dollar for all categories. We reviewed, and increased slightly, the 10-swim passes. We reviewed, and increased slightly, 1-month, 3-month, and season passes. We retained the season pass drive campaign for this coming year but discussed the possibility of phasing out the season pass drive for 2019. School group lessons were increased, but general child group lessons were not increased because the pool board wants to significantly subsidize the availability of lessons that actually teach children how to swim. The Humboldt Swim Club annual fee was increased to \$13,800 for the coming year. The Masters fee structure was fundamentally changed in approach. From here on, all Masters swimmers will be treated like any other patron in that a Masters swimmer must purchase a pool pass of their choosing. The pool pass allows entry into the pool at any time just like any other patron. However, participants in the Masters swimmer's program will pay an additional monthly fee that goes exclusively to coach salary and related overhead in administering that salary to the coach.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was passed (Kelsey/Loudenslager) to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wed., Oct 18, 2017, at 3:30 pm, at the California Welcome Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Harvey Kelsey, Substitute Recording Secretary

Approved:

Chair

Date