

PICKLEWEED ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 2, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED MINUTES

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Telephone: (669) 900-9128 Meeting ID: 852 1560 3702

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mason called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Mason

Member Hau-Gutierrez

Member Palacios Member Sprague Member Vasquez Member Yost

Alternate Member Ceballos

Park & Recreation Commission Representative Gutierrez (left at 8:06 p.m)

Absent: Member Avalos

Member Tanchez

Also Present: Catherine Quffa, Assistant Library & Recreation Director

Becky Ordin, Senior Administrative Assistant

Torrey Kelly, Marin YMCA Kelsey Roderer, Marin YMCA Ryan Robinett, Marin FC Omar Carrera, Canal Alliance

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

None

MINUTES

1. Approve regular meeting minutes of October 6, 2021

Member Sprague moved and Member Palacios seconded, to approve the incomplete meetings minutes of October 6, 2021.

AYES: Members: Palacios, Sprague, Vasquez, Yost, Ceballos

NOES: Members: None

ABSENT: Members: Avalos, Tanchez

ABSTAINED: Members: None

Minutes approved as submitted.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

2. Public Comment from the audience regarding items not listed on the agenda None.

MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

If necessary, to assure completion of the following items, the Chairperson may establish time limits for the presentations by individual speakers.

3. Co-Sponsorship Applications and Final Reports

A. Marin YMCA: YMCA Summer Camp @ Al Boro Community Center

Chair Mason presented the background of past summer camp programs.

Kelsea Roderer and Torrey Kelly presented an overview of the Marin YMCA Summer Camp to support their application.

Staff and applicant responded to questions from Members.

B. Canal Alliance/Marin Football Club: Canal FC at Marin FC

Chair Mason presented the background of the Canal Mini Soccer League for youth under 12 years of age and explained the void for Canal children above 12 to advance their skills and play competitively within their community.

Omar Carrera from Canal Alliance, and Ryan Robinett from Marin FC presented an overview of the Marin Football Club program to support their application.

Staff and applicant responded to questions from Members.

4. Review of Marin YMCA Afterschool Program Application – Informational Only

Chair Mason presented the staff approved application request for the Marin YMCA Afterschool Program.

Staff responded to questions from Members.

5. Review of Thank You Letter – Informational Only

Chair Mason asked for comments regarding the thank you letter from the community leaders in Voces del Canal.

Members shared their comments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COMMENTS

6. Other brief reports on any meetings, conferences, and/or seminars attended by the Commission members.

Member Sprague commented that she and her family were glad to see the Pickleweed Library open again on Saturdays and have increased their hours.

Member Yost attended the annual Board and Commission Holiday Party.

Member Ceballos commented that it is a great opportunity to be a part of the meeting and the opportunities that are arising as we return to normalcy.

STAFF COMMENTS

7. Events of Interest

Chair Mason commented on the success of the Día de los Muertos event. The Organizing Committee received a lot of positive feedback.

He shared that Jennifer Godinez, the afternoon Clerical Aide, received a full-time benefited position at another organization. Her last day was January 14th. They are hoping to be recruiting soon to fill the vacant position.

Regarding the Community Center, there have been multiple facility leaks, and there has been a shift in priorities to address the roof and Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning problems which are contributing to the leaks. The Facility Maintenance crew was already able to identify and repair one of the major leaks in the Center.

We did not receive the Prop 68 grant, however, upon direction from the Mayor and City Manager, Catherine has been applying for another State grant and the City has identified funding to potentially use to convert the soccer fields to synthetic turf pending the outcome of the other grant.

A representative of Canalart.org has been in contact with staff and want to expand their projects to the community center. The City is currently drafting a Public Art Policy that would provide guidelines for groups and individuals wanting to donate or create art for public space. Previously, staff and public input had identified the back of the restrooms in the picnic area as

a possible area for a mural. The art hanging rails inside the center hallways is also another area that could be expanded with the potential of rotating art exhibits to spotlight a variety of local artists and groups. The other area, although not in City jurisdiction, are two transformers near the parking lot that often get tagged and might be ideal for an art project.

Staff has been working with the County and sponsored a Mobile Vaccine site in December and have been discussing additional dates.

Staff is also working with Marin Sanitary on an annual Christmas tree drop in the parking lot in January.

Program updates include the following:

Canal Karate is doing well. Gym rentals with CYO Basketball games on Saturday mornings and various volleyball rentals. Still no Open Gym sports.

Recently there has been interest for party rentals later in the year such as August.

Senior Grab and Go Meals in partnership with the County.

Still hosting the SF/Marin Food Bank distribution on Tuesday mornings.

Currently holding a vote for Movie in the Park on Center's Facebook site this week. The movie will be shown in Spanish on Friday, September 23rd.

Bridge tried but decided not to come back at all this year, unless somehow interest resumes.

Drawbridge cancelled for the month will return on Valentine's Day.

CYFC Canal Arts to resume February 12 with Valentine art program.

The long running Saturday morning dance program rental is going to do a test date in March, two years after stopping due to COVID, to see if there is interest in returning.

Staff accepted comments and responded to questions from Members.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Chair Mason adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

BECKY ORDIN, Senior Administrative Assistant		
APPROVED THIS	DAY OF	, 2021

SUSAN ANDRADE-WAX, Library & Recreation Director