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MEMORANDUM

TO: Recreation Committee Members

FROM: Duncan Mullis
Director of Recreation and Parks

SUBJECT: Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Recreation Committee will be held Monday May 21, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the North Creek Board Room. The agenda follows. If you are unable to attend, please notify me at 240-243-2337 email: dmullis@mvf.org or Trudi Gatons at 240-243-2320 email: tgatons@mvf.org.

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MVF RECREATION COMMITTEE

Monday, May 21, 2018

North Creek Board Room

7:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. Residents Time
- II. Review and approve minutes of April 2, 2018 meeting - Enclosure II
- III. Staff Update / Information Items
 - A. Projects update
 - a. Hurley Park Playground
 - b. Apple Ridge Playground
 - c. South Valley Park
 - d. Pools
 - B. Programs update
 - a. Concert Series
 - b. Farmers' Market
 - c. Summer Camp
 - d. Swim Lessons
 - e. Rentals
- IV. New Business
 - A. Review the Strategic Plan Presentation and give feedback on the Strategic Priorities.
- V. Set next meeting date: October 1, 2018

Montgomery Village Foundation

MVF Recreation Committee

April 2, 2018

A regular meeting of the Montgomery Village Foundation Recreation Committee was held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 2, 2018 at the North Creek Community Center, Montgomery Village, Maryland.

Members Present

Karen Neilson, Chair
Susan Young
Laure Franke, Board Liaison
Rahul Khanna
Rovenia Manor
Ashton Foster

Members Absent

Linda Von Wernitz
Sara Johnston

Others Present

Duncan Mullis, Director of Recreation and Parks
Scott Gole, Assistant Director of Recreation and Parks
Jason Nicklow, Facilities and Aquatics Manager
Cynthia Bangali, Recording Secretary
13 residents

I. Residents' Time

The comments of residents are recorded separately.

Call Meeting to Order

Ms. Neilson, Chair called the meeting to order at 8:26 pm.

II. Review and Approve Minutes of the February 5, 2018 Meeting

Ms. Franke moved to accept the minutes of the February 5, 2018 meeting as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

III. Staff Updates

A. Quarterly Update

Mr. Mullis provided a program update to the committee. He shared that the programming numbers had remained level and that special events were slightly down. Mr. Mullis noted that facility rentals had increased by 60% and that they correlate the increase with the change in the rental process which provides real time availability and updates online.

B. Camp Numbers

Mr. Mullis provided an update on summer camp registration. He shared that Camp Tiny Feet is currently down in registration compared to 2017. Mr. Mullis noted that most parents wait until the last minute to register.

C. Strategic Plan Update

Mr. Mullis shared with the committee that he would like to schedule a special meeting to review and discuss the data collected from the resident surveys as well as a summary of the analysis. He proposed that they identify a date in May.

D. Projects Update

Mr. Mullis shared that the Stedwick Community Center floor had been replaced and the proposed renovation to the playground had been approved. He added that the 2nd phase of the Whetstone playground is due to start in the coming weeks.

E. Programs Update

Mr. Mullis provided an update to the committee. He shared that the Flashlight Egg Hunt was a huge success. Over 400 people were in attendance. Mr. Mullis informed the committee that all the vendors for the Farmers Market had been confirmed and that the T-Ball partnership with the City of Gaithersburg was going well. They have 19 participants playing in the spring 2018 season.

F. 2019 Budget

Mr. Mullis encouraged the committee to contact him with ideas that they may have.

IV. New Business

A. Opening Discussion of the North Creek Pool renovation – design features feedback

Mr. Gole provided an overview of the timeline for the North Creek Pool renovation. He noted that the goal is to have the newly renovated pool open for the 2021 pool season. Mr. Gole reviewed the process that occurred when Whetstone pool was renovated and then Apple Ridge pool. He noted that the goal is for each pool to be unique and have specific features. Mr. Gole explained the process for obtaining feedback from residents and emphasized that it is an important element of the renovation. He noted that once feedback is collected, they will issue a RFP with the types of amenities that they would like to see. Mr. Gole informed the committee that they would like to solidify the contractor by the beginning of 2019 and then have the contractor provide 2-3 options for further feedback from the committee as well as residents.

Mr. Gole reinforced that there will be additional opportunities for residents to provide feedback. A resident asked about the possibility of a fundraising effort to offset the cost of adding a bubble. Mr. Gole responded that they are not set up as a non-profit to receive donations. Another resident inquired about doing a cost analysis and including research on what revenues could be generated from out of season use of the pool. Mr. Gole noted that it is also important to consider that there are other costs involved such as staffing, chemicals, etc. He also added that during each renovation, that inevitably they will also incur costs for bringing things up to code. Mr. Gole provided an example of the changing rooms, which are currently not ADA compliant and will need to be upgraded.

B. Update Committee on the renovation project at South Valley Park

Mr. Mullis reviewed the Power Point presentation that he presented to the MVF Board. He emphasized that they will be using Bermudagrass and that the renovation would include irrigation. Mr. Mullis explained that Bermudagrass is very durable and can withstand heavy traffic. He cited examples of other parks that had switched to Bermudagrass and the difference that it had made. Mr. Gole added that Bermudagrass recovers well.

Mr. Mullis also informed the committee that they will also be installing a fence. He shared that May 29th is the goal for closing the field for the planting of the Bermudagrass and to have it ready for fall 2018. Mr. Foster asked about irrigation. Mr. Mullis noted that they will be taking drainage into consideration and recognize that it is an important aspect for the maintenance of the field. He also noted that there are additional costs incurred with the maintenance, yet the idea is to keep the monthly cost as low as possible. Ms. Franke inquired as to whether there would be any changes to the dugouts on the field. Mr. Gole responded that they will remain the same.

C. Discuss activities for the 4th of July celebration, recruit volunteers

Mr. Mullis reminded the committee that the theme for this years' parade is super heroes and encouraged members to let him know if they are interested in helping with the event.

D. Discuss Recommendations for Committee Chair

The committee thanked Ms. Neilson for her service in chairing the group. Ms. Neilson expressed gratitude for the great teamwork of the committee and encouraged members to consider stepping into the role of Chair. There was consensus amongst the group to recommend that Ms. Neilson remain as Chair.

Ms. Young moved to nominate Ms. Neilson as MVF Recreation Committee Chair. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

E. Review Proposed changes to the Pool Use Policy

Mr. Mullis informed the committee that the current MVF Swimming Pool Use Policy needed revision to align with the streamlined Pool Group Reservation Policies and Procedures and Current Standards. He noted that the revised policy had been sent to 2017 users for review and feedback. No concerns were expressed. During the review of the draft changes, it was noted that number 10, d should read "discretion of the Director of Recreation and Parks" instead of "Board of Directors of the Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc."

Ms. Franke motioned to accept the modified MVF Swimming Pool Use Policy as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

V. Set next meeting date: Strategic Plan Presentation

The committee discussed potential dates for the Strategic Plan presentation. May 21st was the chosen date.

Adjournment

Ms. Franke moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m. The reports, authorizations, and other documents presented at the meeting have been initialed for identification and attached hereto or filed in the offices of the Montgomery Village Foundation.

_____/s/_____
Cynthia Bangali
Recording Secretary

SUPPLEMENT TO THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING

MVF Recreation Committee RESIDENTS' TIME

April 2, 2018

Residents' Time

Ralph Bally of 9512 Briar Glenn Way provided feedback on the North Creek Pool renovation. He expressed that he would like for the pool to be warmer. Currently he drives to the Stedwick pool if he desires to swim in warmer pool temperatures. In addition, he shared that he likes the lazy river at the Apple Ridge pool and emphasized that even though the pool is down the street, he would like to see the same amenities added to the North Creek Pool.

Liz Conklin of 20442 Meadow Pond Place shared that she is a former Teen Rec MVF staff and that both of her kids have come up in the swim teams. She emphasized that the swim teams are great for the kids in the community. Ms. Conklin noted that the North Creek Swim Team has a fundraiser each year and that the long course meet draws participants from all over the county and even from Frederick and Hagerstown. She shared that it is important for the North Creek Pool to have room to dive on each end as well as to maintain the diving board feature. Ms. Conklin also recommended outdoor lighting and electrical improvements. She encouraged the committee to consider the possibility of incorporating an indoor feature and that it could be a source of revenue for the Village.

Mr. Greg Conklin of 2042 Meadow Pond Place emphasized the value of having an indoor pool feature incorporated into the North Creek Pool renovation and that it could be a source of revenue for the Village. He noted that the pool in Quince Orchard is highly used during the off season because of this type of accommodation. Mr. Conklin also expressed the importance of maintaining the long course feature as well maintaining the diving boards. He also added that the installation of solar panels may help to keep the water warmer. Mr. Conklin went on to express his observations of languishing areas in the Village such as the golf course, the loss of

the YMCA as well as to express his enthusiasm for current Village amenities such as the music pavilion and the band. He noted that with the pending widening of Goshen Road and M83, there will invariably be increased traffic in the Village and that having nice facilities will attract more home owners and increase property values.

Ms. Alexandria Froger of 9517 Cape Anne Place shared that she and her son enjoy the pool almost every day during the summer. They like that is a large pool and would like for the water to be warmer, to have a beach entrance, slides and a lazy river. Ms. Froger encouraged the committee to consider increasing the pool availability time citing that it opens later and closes earlier. She emphasized the importance of keeping the swim team. Ms. Froger also proposed that the design include a lighthouse with a harbor or pirate ships. She also noted that there currently isn't a lot of shade and expressed concern over the drainage issues in the locker room.

Mr. Michael Bright of 9909 Shursbury Court shared that the Olympic sized pool at North Creek is one of the stand out amenities that drew him and his family to the area. He shared that he would like for the pool to remain the same size and maintain its' primary purpose. Mr. Bright stated that his son is on the Neptune swim team. He also shared that he doesn't want the pool to be turned into a safari park and would like to see additional shade areas. He also concurred with the request to add a bubble to provide use of the pool during typical closed season. He and his family currently go to the pool in Quince Orchard when it is out of season.

Mr. Don Poore of 9863 Dellcastle Road shared that he and his wife use all of the pools in the Village. He underscored the importance of warmer water and encouraged the committee to explore the use of solar panels. Mr. Poore also stated that the solar panels could potentially be used to increase shade. He stated that he likes the Olympic sized pool at North Creek for long swims and also recommended renovation of the locker rooms for better drainage.

Ms. Susan Poore of 9863 Dellcastle Road shared that she appreciates that each pool in the Village has a distinct feature and likes that the North Creek pool is more geared for adult use. She emphasized the opportunities for adult use that are income generating such as water aerobics

& fitness and lap swims. Ms. Pool suggested that the committee consider community-based events at the pool and recommended looking at what the Kentlands offers.

Mr. Johnathan Romero of 9610 Shadow Oak Drive shared that he is in favor of keeping the long course to the North Creek pool yet also considering a lazy river. He also suggested that an addition of another entry point that is easy access from the parking lot area be added.

Ms. Pam Mondell shared that she believes that there have been massive studies that support the rationale of not covering the pool. Ms. Neilson added that she understood that the undertaking is very cost prohibitive.

Mr. Ken Merrill shared that he would like to see the original foot print of the pool preserved and that the addition of heat to the pool as well as a bubble would be great features. Mr. Merrill's son used to be very active on the swim team and the current size of the pool allows for swim competitions.