

WESTCHESTER PARK DISTRICT
CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 3RD, 2024 6:30PM
WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY CENTER
10201 Bond Street, Westchester, Cook County, Illinois

Call to Order

President Busa called the meeting to order at 6:39pm

Roll Call

Citizen Advisory Board Members: Joslyn Kane – here, Ryan Wright – here, Wayne Rollag – here, Tom Wiener – here, Kathryn Sloan Smith – here

Also present were: Executive Director Lianne Robinette and Park Commissioner Steven Busa.

Pledge of Allegiance

Comments from Board President & directives from Board of Park Commissioners

Steve Busa went into a detailed explanation of the CAB to all those in attendance. Review of objectives listed under CAB by-laws. What the Board would like to see, not only what the individual CAB members would like to see individually but also what is assigned by the Board of Park Commissioners. Steve also reviewed the roll of the park commissioners versus the CAB. When there are ideas of programs, that would need to come to the Executive Director and her staff. Those that were chosen were chosen due to the different aspects that they can bring to the community. We are looking to implement programs and ideas that are community driven. Examples were given regarding what we the park contends with on a day-to-day basis. The way we market, the way we schedule the gymnasium, etc. The board would like the CAB to look at teen and senior programming. Steve Busa spoke to the Co-op we currently have with North Riverside. The board would also like the CAB to look at youth programming. Lianne is a resource to use with all things park district. Ideas may come up with a No answer and that doesn't mean that the idea doesn't work its that there may be institutional knowledge regarding past experiences etc. We are looking for assistance from the CAB to get a better understanding of what the community is looking for. We currently have 5 members, and the CAB can be up to 7. If you know of anyone who would be a good fit please let us know.

We would like you to meet quarterly. In the beginning you may need to meet more often

Introduction of Members

Wayne Rollag: Originally from South Dakota. Three children grew up in the park system with all programs, day camp etc.

Ryan Wright: character buildings, work at senior home as facility manager, 5 boys ages 14-28.

Joslyn Kane: moved here to 2008, two boys 6 and 8. Stated we have a working community and many of the programs do not work with her families schedule.

Kathryn Smith: from a large family, spent youth in the park and working for the park. 3 kids 13-21 – twins at 13 and son at 21. Used to run programs for abused children. Sub-teacher. Coach for soccer and softball, girl scout co-leader. Like to solve problems – like inclusivity – sense of community.

Tom Weiner: 26-year resident. Has three children. Soccer and baseball. Coached at younger levels. Important to look at what things look like now and what they are going to look like in the future. The community needs to take advantage of what we can offer. Community fields and Mayfair walking track.

Review of By-Laws

By-Laws were read by Steven Busa to the CAB. Steve also spoke of the goals: to get more people to in-turn helps out the district financially. Better utilize facilities.

Appointment of Officers

President: nomination Wayne Rollag: Tom Wiener nominate and Kathryn Smith second
Vice President: nomination Ryan Wright: Kathryn Smith Nominate and Tom Wiener second
Secretary: nominations Joslyn Kane: Kathryn Smith nominate and Ryan Wright Second

Appointment of Committees

Youth Athletics – Joslyn Kane
Programing and Services – Kathryn Smith
Senior Programming & Services – Wayne Rollag
Marketing – Tom Weiner (Ryan Wright)
Community Relations – Ryan Wright
(New Subcommittees – Establishment of a Park Foundation)

Although there are appointment to each committee the CAB sees this as a team effort where all input is welcome regardless of appointment.

CAB Comments

Barb Calabrese and Mrs. Myhill – senior possibilities for CAB seat.

Need reminders – flyers in house at events – hand out information at basketball for hockey – Recreation Supervisor

Increase of monthly Constant Contact - breakdown for events

Need to get people in and register.

A request was made to Lianne Robinette to send the CAB a typical gymnasium usage calendar so that they can see what might be available to schedule.

New Business

Next Meeting: Agenda needs to be 72 prior for a meeting and notify. Tuesday is bad for Joslyn Thursdays is bad for Ryan

Wednesdays is good for all – January 17th 7pm Next Meeting

Public Comment

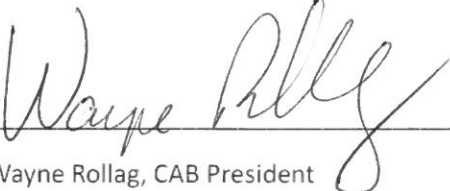
Adjournment Next Meeting:

Motion to adjourn the Citizen Advisory Board meeting made by Kathryn Sloan Smith and seconded by Tom Wiener

Roll Call Vote:

Citizen Advisory Board Members: Joslyn Kane – aye, Ryan Wright – aye, Wayne Rollag – aye, Tom Wiener – aye, Kathryn Sloan Smith – aye

The meeting was adjourned at 9pm


Wayne Rollag, CAB President


Joselyn Kane, CAB Secretary

Date: 11/17/2024