

MINUTES OF A REGULAR ROOSEVELT ARTS, PARKS, & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

September 2, 2021 at Roosevelt City Offices

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chair Preston Kadleck.

A written roll call was taken which showed the following committee members present: Chair Preston Kadleck, Vice Chair Rowdy Cloward, Secretary Daniel Mauchley, Charles Embleton, Emily Graham, Kiana Hamblin, and Steven Winters (left at 7:39). Mayor JR Bird, Councilman Cody Aland (left at 7:57), City Manager Joshua Bake, Brent Fenn, Dustin Glines, and Sunshine Bellon of Roosevelt City were also present.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Chair Preston Kadleck to approve the minutes of the regular committee meeting of July 1, 2021. The motion was seconded by Charles Embleton. The motion was voted unanimously in favor by committee members.

REPORT OF RECOGNITION OF PAST-SECRETARY AMY SNOW & OTHER DEPARTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Emily Graham delivered a gift to Amy Snow and took a picture. She suggests that perhaps a history of committee members could be kept of past committee members. Chair Kadleck assigns that effort to Secretary Daniel Mauchley. Chair Kadleck also asked that subcommittee chairs notify Daniel of changes in their member appointments so that he can follow up on them and that a recognition gift be purchased from the APR Committee budget.

REVIEW OF THE JULY 2021 - JUNE 2022 APR COMMITTEE BUDGET

All subcommittees are now assigned a budget code:

4540.325 - APR Committee Pooled Fund

4540.341 - APR Parks Subcommittee

4540.342 - APR Arts Subcommittee

4540.343 - APR Recreation Subcommittee

Carry over from past unused subcommittee budgets has been added to the total. Donations and invoices should be assigned to their respective budget codes. Budget balances are as follows:

APR Pooled - \$10,000.00

Parks Subcommittee - \$8,800.00

Arts Subcommittee - \$6,947.50

Recreation Subcommittee - \$9,836.82

The total balance of the four budgets is \$35,584.32.

The 4th of July concert & fireworks, UBIC entertainment, and the summer theatre are not designated to come out of the four APR budget lines. However, if more is spent than Roosevelt City allocates for those events, the excess will come out of APR budgets in the future, especially if the committee decides to do something more expensive. This was the case for the 2021 4th of July concert. Roosevelt City budgeted \$7,500, but the performer and sound crew selected cost \$9,036. Roosevelt City will pay the difference for this year.

REVIEW OF 2021 4TH OF JULY EVENTS

Mayor Bird asked that the committee still find the entertainment for the 4th of July concert, though Roosevelt City will set aside \$7,500 for the cost. Brent Fenn suggested that now would be a good time to schedule bands and a sound crew for the next 4th of July. Emily Graham confirmed that an opening act with the main performer is still expected and the budget must cover both performances. Mayor Bird suggested that a Battle of the Bands event would be ideal.

The 2022 Red Mud Run will likely turn into a “Fun Run.” Brent Fenn is going to talk to some owners of slides and outdoor obstacles from the Pleasant Valley area to bring them for the event. The mud pits are filled in and no longer have water running to them. Construction will begin on turning that area into a baseball and soccer field complex.

ARTS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Emily Graham reported that the musical theatre camp hosted the production “Honk” (based on The Ugly Duckling) for two weeks with over 100 youth participating. The juniors and seniors who had previously participated in the theatre conducted most of the production and taught the younger participants. About \$2,700 was made from the two showings’ ticket and t-shirt sales. \$1,000 was spent on performance rights and \$700 on costumes. Many participants want to return next year. This production was more affordable and brought in more participants than the Missoula Theatre.

Emily initiated a discussion about what she feels is a lack of recognition of and support for those who sacrifice so much to execute these arts efforts. It seems that many become disillusioned. She thinks it is unintentional by the community at-large. There are also issues with the availability of smaller and acoustically accommodating spaces for performances and areas to display visual art in the community. Daniel Mauchley suggested the new Roosevelt Library may provide some new options to meet those needs with its community rooms and lobbies. The community room should seat 200 and can be divided into two rooms for smaller events. Mayor Bird also suggested the current library, which will become the Roosevelt Innovation Hub, could have fine art displayed in it when it is remodeled. The city council is also looking at turning the first library/ambulance building into a local museum.

Emily also expressed confusion over the availability of school facilities to the community. In her and her colleagues' experiences, there does not seem to be a coordinator at the schools to schedule such use, renting the facilities seems costly, and events that had been scheduled early were later moved in favor of sporting events. Mayor Bird suggested the best way to clarify those policies or even to change them would be for the community at-large to attend school board meetings to express those concerns. Emily wanted to clarify that she thinks the sports and its associated venues and events are an asset to the community, but that it seems to her that they take priority in cases of scheduling conflicts and media coverage.

Chair Kadleck asked Emily what steps she felt needed to be taken to help improve the standing of the arts in our community. Emily suggested having a more appropriate and available venue for recitals and community performances would be a start. This issue is discouraging various interested community members from planning and executing some of their creative endeavors.

Daniel said he would meet with Emily after the meeting to share the new library floor plan to discuss possibilities for performances there. Some fundraising to purchase a piano for the new library was proposed. Emily proposed the range would be between \$15,000 - \$25,000.

Chair Kadleck gave notice that he intends to address generating greater exposure of and interest in the arts in our area at next month's committee meeting.

Kiana Hamblin was welcomed to the APR Committee and as a member of the Arts Subcommittee.

RECREATION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Subcommittee Chair Charles Embleton reported that pickleball lines have been painted on the Central Park basketball courts. People need to bring their own nets to play.

The recent pickleball tournament had more interest than could be accommodated. The demand on the limited number of courts was an issue. The city is thinking about putting a fence up between each basketball court at Central Park to prevent players from bumping into each other.

The Nature Park is progressing. A lot has been cleared out and cleaned up by the Dedicated Hunters. The city may put in some road base. City Manager Joshua Bake reminded the committee the property is still privately owned and should not yet be promoted publicly beyond helpers going in to prepare and clean up the area. The ownership transfer of the property to the city is forthcoming. Mayor Bird mentioned that some grant funds available through the American Rescue Plan Act may be available to help with those preparation efforts. The Roosevelt master trail will pass through the Nature Park.

DISCUSSION OF EXPANSION OF DISC GOLF COURSE AT CONSTITUTION PARK

There are various residents and tourists using the golf course. Our course is the only one in the Uintah Basin as marked on Udisc's website. Udisc is a disc golfer community website that maps out courses throughout the world. Out of a possible five star rating, Roosevelt's course has 3.9. Comments on the site indicate the golfers love the area with its venue at Constitution Park. A primary trend that Preston has noticed is that golfers prefer courses with a large number of holes or baskets. Having only four baskets in our course is likely one of the reasons our course is not higher rated.

Chair Kadleck proposed some new holes on a map to expand Constitution Park's course to a traditional nine-holes with only one hole repeated; most away from the pavilions and the playground. The baskets would cost between \$350 - \$450. A new QR code will be added to the course's posted instructions to direct people to the Udisc website so they can pull up a map of the holes. Brent Fenn mentioned that the trees are starting to take damage from some of the disc throwing. The proposed holes were amended by the committee to move two of the proposed holes away from the east side of the park that are too close to the pavilion, particularly since that side of the park often has visitors throughout the day. The new locations for the holes were proposed in the center of the park, which Chair Kadleck agreed with. UBTech, Tri-County Health, and Northeastern Counseling have already pledged to sponsor future baskets. Sponsor signs are added to each tee. Chair Kadleck will prepare maps of the amended holes for the City Council to decide on. Brent Fenn and Dustin Glines of the Roosevelt Parks & Recreation Department were in agreement. Chair Kadleck also purchased some holiday lights to put on the disc golf baskets during the holiday season.

Mayor Bird reminded everyone that the committee does not need to get permission from the city to make purchases as long as they stay within their budgets. They just need to turn in their invoices promptly.

A motion was made by Emily Graham to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Chair Kadleck. The motion was voted unanimously in favor by committee members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

THESE MINUTES ARE PENDING AND WILL BE APPROVED AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING.

Daniel Mauchley, Secretary