

Attendees:

Board Members

Emily Barton	Tad Kasuya
David Broggel	Chayuda Overby
Sue Johnson	

Excused Members

Lynne Bartok	Paula Townsell
Barb Lester	
Ray Trichler	

City Staff

Kimberly Shelton- Parks & Community Svcs. Asst. Director
Bob Dvorak, Senior Center Director
Liz Vogeli (City Council Liaison)

Guests

Billiards players: Gary Boller, Jerry Tobin, Jihad Rahim, Fred Weiss,
Clinton Walker and Joanna Sonsteng

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 8:01 and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL FOR CORRESPONDENCE

None received

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January Board Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

REPORTS

- Liz Vogeli stated that she went to the conference for the National League of Cities in Washington and interacted with lots of other cities, learned a lot. She found that most of the problems we deal with are similar across the country and each shared approaches and solutions.
- Bob report: Special events coming up:
 - Ladies Tea event on 3/30.
 - PFLAG event here this weekend (around 300 for entertainment and Bingo).
 - The Volunteer dinner will be held on April 18 and all board members are invited. It will be a Murder Mystery, with dinner provided by Mount Lake Terrace Plaza. Sue Johnson stated that she would like to say something at the event and would like to see more board members at this event.
 - Parking signs will be available in a week and will have the new logo. New signs should help make people aware of parking at the senior center and direct people to the pay box.
 - Membership- have over \$5000 donated to the scholarship fund and have given out 8 so far. Most people have been giving donations when they pay for their own membership.
 - Rummage sale: taking donations now for May. Everybody's closet is now quarterly.

Operation discussion:

- Review of Annual Rules of Procedures for approval: Kimberly explained the changes around quorum and attendance. All board members present signed the procedures.
- Kimberly Shelton introduced a proposal for the use of the Billiards room. A Member survey done in 2017 found three emerging themes: 1) desire for more trips and tours, 2) desire to show movies at the center and 3) 41% want more fitness opportunities. We have been looking at what we could do to offer fitness equipment, and feel that the best room is the existing billiards room. Right now we have 20-40 active billiards players. The plan is to continue offering billiards but with 2 tables. Choice given between the sun room and the gift shop. Sun room was considered the best by the pool players since it would not be interrupted during construction and they can close the door. A rubberized floor would be put down and various senior friendly equipment dedicated to the members.
 - Chayuda: thinks it would be a good addition to the center and an introduction to other things that the center offers.
 - Opened up for Public opinions. One senior member in attendance asked first that the board members introduce themselves, which they did.
 - Gary Boller (senior center member): The senior center has been here for a long time and billiards has been a big part of the center the whole time. We are basing this entire decision on the survey that nobody has seen or remembers. Just because it was in the newsletter doesn't mean we saw it. I think we should do another survey and take a serious interest in the billiards room. We would like to write down our concerns for you to hear, and think that you should talk to Carl Gipson about this decision.
 - Joanna Sonsteng (senior center member): My mom has dementia and she plays billiards. She doesn't know my name but she can kick my butt in pool.
 - Jerry Tobin (senior center member): My first thought on doing this because the pool room is a single use room....that is what it would be if it was an exercise room. I think a lot more thought has to go into this. Right now I can come whenever I want to as opposed to signing in and reserving the room.
 - Jihad Rahim: My heart doctor sent me here. I've been here for 6 months and all I hear are complaints about closing the gift shop. I think there are going to be lines waiting for the pool room while nobody is going to be in the exercise room. We are seniors and you are not going to want people taking things from you when you are a senior.
 - Fred Weiss: I come here about 6 hours a week and I'm thrilled to have it.
 - Clinton Walker. We had 5 tables until they put in the elevator, now we are down to 4. We get a nice crowd and they all enjoyed it. Why do you want to take it away? A few years ago there were 4 tables full all morning.

- Rick Amos: I am taking care of my 97 year old mother here in the Everett area. If you move those tables to the sun room you are going to have a problem with the heat and sun on the tables. I was hoping to get some tournaments going with the other senior centers and now you are trying to take it away. Plus you are taking away the two best tables (bigger). If people want to exercise, they have plenty of opportunities like Silver Sneakers to get exercise.
- Sue Johnson thanked them for their comments. Regarding the survey, we cannot do anything about the fact that people did not respond to the survey and now they are upset. I would like to see this happen without the expense of another program. I also wanted to let everyone know that we do not make decisions. The board is just advisory.
- Kimberly talked through the timing of the survey, equipment bids, etc. Mentioned that we would save \$16k by using the sun room versus constructing a new wall for the gift shop. There is not enough space to have cardio and strength equipment.
- Gary Boller: Is there a way to scale down the exercise equipment and just put it in the gift shop. If it does really well then you can scale it up? If it's about money, we are willing to pay more. Exercise needs to be in a cool room, not a dark room. Take another survey.

Board discussion

- Discussed if there is a way to do another survey or should we?
- Is there another option for exercise equipment? Would like to look at other options. Can we split it into two areas?
- David Broggel: I realize that you are cutting it, but they will still have Billiards, just not 4 tables.
- Tad: It is good that you got the pool players rallied. I suggest that you give them a target to get to and if they meet it we'll leave it alone. It makes sense to do a fitness center but we are dealing with emotions when it comes to the billiards players.
- Kimberly pointed out that the YMCA is closing and moving 3 miles and we have the opportunity to offer silver sneakers and other programs at the senior center that do not compete directly.

NEW BUSINESS- none

Note: Next Meeting will be May 21 at 8:00 AM

Minutes transcribed by Lisa Harrison, Administrative Assistant.