

**Minutes
Recreation Committee
August 5, 2019
6:00 p.m.
3rd committee meeting**

Members present were Chairman Dennis Raines, Committee members Carol King and Taft Matney. Brandon Madden, City Administrator, and Joe Lanahan, Recreation Director were also present.

1. Call to Order- Chairman Raines

2. Public Comment

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

- a. Recreation Committee Meeting: July 1, 2019- Councilman Matney made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilwoman King seconding. The vote was unanimous (3-0).

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers

- a. Budget Review- The budget looks good.
- b. Department Reports- Willie Stewart will be participating in an SCRPA class. Joe will start Leadership Golden Strip next week. Councilman Matney asked how the football registration numbers are looking. Joe said they are about the same as last year. There is a spike in 12U participation. 10U has dropped a little bit due to Southside Christian School starting a 4-5th grade team. 8U has dropped to one team from two this year.

5. Unfinished Business- None

6. New Business

- a. Outdoor Pickleball Courts @ the Ray Hopkins Senior Center

Pickleball is growing here in Mauldin. This would be an opportunity to play outside on the basketball court. The quote for marking the lines is \$1,700.00. For \$1,000.00 all remaining equipment (nets, balls, temporary fencing) and signage can be purchased for a total of \$2,700.00. These purchases can be made from funds already budgeted for the Senior Center.

If approved, this could move forward after the current renovation at the Senior Center is completed. That project is slated to finish in late October.

Councilman Matney said the senior center closes at 4:00 p.m. Would outdoor basketball be prohibited during the times the center is open? Joe answered the park hours ordinance that is under consideration in council would allow the department to control the hours. The idea is to have pickleball from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and basketball after 4:00 p.m. and all weekend. Joe said the seniors would have to work with the kids who want to play basketball during the summer to share the court. Councilwoman King said that was her concern. There are kids who like to play basketball during the day. She sees them there all the time. She would like this taken into consideration.

Councilwoman King then asked who would be responsible for setting up the equipment. Joe said there is a volunteer who sets up the nets. There are always staff in the building as well to help.

Councilwoman King said she would like to see the hours tweaked. Councilman Matney said there is a neighborhood nearby that took down their basketball courts, so he definitely wants to leave ours available as an option for them.

Chairman Raines asked if we are looking at a cost to put a building up. Joe said yes, we have DP3's proposal and are waiting on another proposal.

Councilman Matney made a motion to send this to council with the caveat that the hours be tweaked before the council meeting. Councilwoman King seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (3-0).

- b. Park Hour Signs- The ordinance was passed last month to allow park signage for hours. A draft sign was given to committee. It would be 18x24 inches and present a lot of information in a clean way. The sign would let people know about the hours, the leash law, no smoking policy, shelter rentals, etc. Each park would average four signs. The department received quotes for the signs. Public Works will install them.

Councilman Matney said he is big on consistency. With all the money we spent on wayfinding signs, he would like these to follow that format with the look and feel. Joe said the layout could be any color and that would not be a difficult change.

Chairman Raines asked if everything on the sign was enforceable. Joe said everything is in the ordinances. He asked if the police chief has looked at these drafts. Joe said he talked with him but he hasn't seen the final draft.

Councilwoman King asked if the park hours could be looked at. Joe said these were not the true hours.

This item will be held in committee until a new draft is brought back.

- c. Carolina Dance Collaborative classes- Over the summer Kelsey Crum, the Executive Director of the Carolina Dance Collaborative, inquired about the possibility of hosting classes at the Mauldin Sports Center. Sports Center staff looked at the request and was able to see that hosting these classes would not affect our fitness classes for the Sports Center members. These classes will be held after school before the evening fitness classes start. Ms. Crum is asking for a split of the revenue from the classes. 70% would be retained by the Caronia Dance Collaborative and 30% would come to the City of Mauldin.

These classes have the potential to bring in new children and families to the Mauldin Sports Center. The Staff recommendation is that we work with the Carolina Dance Collaborative for the upcoming school year; Aug 2019- June 2020. At the end of the school year we can evaluate the program and make sure the partnership is beneficial for the City of Mauldin.

Chairman Raines asked if we have ever leased the fitness room before. Joe answered the belly dancer leased the room. Chairman Raines then asked if we knew how much it takes to operate the fitness room per hour. Joe said there is a one day, \$25 per hour charge. There has not been a long term standing agreement before. Chairman Raines said the City's take would be dependent upon the class size. He doesn't want to get into a scenario where the city's part doesn't cover the cost of the room. He said he would rather look at a base rate per hour and a 70/30 split.

Councilwoman King asked about the class hours. Joe said the classes would be held between 3:30-4:45pm. Her concern is for almost four years, we have been focused on sports center membership. She feels this takes away the focus of our fitness classes for the center. We regularly lose members because we don't offer the right classes at the right times. She said we are not trying to add classes that help the sports center. She wants to help the community, but feels we are getting away from our goals.

Councilwoman King said this also targeting certain demographics and getting away from the demographics we need to focus on to increase the sports center memberships.

Under partnerships in the presentation, the last bullet point indicates the City would be responsible for advertising for this program. Joe said Ms. Crum is not

expecting us to have a financial stake. Joe said the City could provide advertisement electronically, not printed copies. Councilwoman King asked what our staff involvement would be. She thinks it is a good idea on paper, but is not sure it is good for the City right now.

Councilman Matney agreed. He asked Joe if he had talked to the other organizations she has partnered with in the past to find out how it went. Joe said he knew of the collaborative, but has not reached out to anyone.

Councilwoman King said we had talked about an additional fitness room, and now we are taking away the only room we have right now.

Councilwoman King made a motion to table this item. Councilman Matney seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (3-0).

7. Public Comment- None

8. Committee Concerns- None

9. Adjourn- Chairman Raines adjourned the meeting.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk**