

CHARLOTTE RECREATION COMMISSION.

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- 1.0 Meeting was called to order at 5:45 P.M. Bill Fraser-Harris, Greg Smith, Craig Reynolds, Bill Pence, Christy Gallese, and Judy Hill were in attendance. Carrie Spear, Frank Tenney, Nicole Conley and Bud Shriner were also in attendance. A quorum was present.
- 2.0 Adjustments to Agenda - none
- 3.0 Public Comments and Communication - none
- 4.0 April minutes were approved.
- 5.0 Discussion/ Action Items
 - 5.1.1 Rec Director Report.
 - 5.1.2 **Event Planning Summary.** Nicole compiled input from commissioners to create a comprehensive event application that was well received by all commissioners. Discussion included:
 - Should there be a separate category for civic events vs private corporate events, town vs civic events, specialty events that pertain to town. Decided using word civic could be problematic and to designate it as town sponsored events.
 - It was suggested to add wording that the beach will remain open to all residents during any scheduled event.
 - It was queried where/when policy was signed. Nicole replied that application is signed when deposit is put down and that signer takes responsibility for event. The application can be filled out and signed electronically or printed out and signed.
 - It was mentioned that Charlotte Fire and Rescue receives application to review and then it gets presented to Select Board for approval and certificate of insurance issuance.
 - 5.2.1 **Event planning.** Discussed above
 - 5.3.1 **Beach Opening** is dependent on Governors dictate. Director and Chair are closely following Governors announcements to find out when/if beach can open and under what conditions. They have been brainstorming, preemptively planning opening scenarios, and preparing for state and health department approval to open beach to public.
 - 5.3.2 Also discussed: beach passes can be purchased online, the possibility of also hiring adults who might be more effective in enforcing social distancing, and commissioners taking shifts to monitor beach. It was noted that beach goers will need to take personal level responsibility.
 - 5.3.3 Nicole has spoken with other Rec Directors and there is no indication of when beaches will be open. There might be a message to Come, Play and Leave, encouraging people not to stay all day. Large gatherings will not be permitted, including summer camps, as gatherings are currently limited to 10 people. Social distancing will be in effect throughout the summer, including the playground. Recreation will stay within guidelines of health department.
 - 5.3.4 Docks, floats and restrooms are potentially high risk exposure areas. Limiting parking might be an option to mitigate crowd size as well as possible time limit. Goal is to open beach with beach attendants and voluntary compliance of social distancing.
 - 5.3.5 Technically beach is not open before Memorial Day though there has been a lot of activity at beach to date. Playground is taped off, tennis courts are being used. Residents have expressed hope that beach will be open for summer. Recreation is optimistic that beach will open sometime in June though there are many unknowns.
 - 5.3.6 Nicole has been in training for online ordering of beach passes. Day and season passes can be purchased by credit card with an electronic receipt to avoid exchange of currency.

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5.4.1 Community Beach Party and Music at Beach are on hold for the summer due to Covid 19

5.5.1 Court Cleaning and Crack Repair. Select board has requested that all committee spending be put on hold though Recreation has designated funding to proceed with court cleaning and repair. \$1,200 has been budgeted annually. Cracks have opened up and player was witnessed tripping on crack on third court. Water needs to be turned on, courts power washed, then cracks repaired.

6.0 Commissioner Comments/other business -

6.1.1 Person that cuts grass at beach noted that there have been a lot of dog poop bags left at the beach... where dogs aren't allowed.

6.1.2 Bill received call that lights were on at hockey rink one night at beginning of month. Rink was being used by a group of college students playing soccer.

7.0 Next meeting Tuesday June 9 @ 5:30pm

8.0 Meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Minutes approval signature: _____

Bill Fraser-Harris, Chairperson