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East County Recreation

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 7, 2020
6-7:30 PM
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BOARD PRESENT:

Darren Riordan, Chair Fairview City Councilor
Mike Abbaté, Vice Chair Fairview Resident
Patricia Smith, Wood Village City Councilor
Scott Harden, Wood Village Resident
Tom Miles, Wood Village Resident
Chelsea Jones, Fairview Resident
Dr. Danna Diaz Reynolds School District

BOARD ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Jairo Rios-Campos, Program Manager
Nolan Young, Fairview City Administrator
Greg Dirks, Wood Village City Manager

STAFF ABSENT:

1. **Call to order:** Chair Riordan
2. **Minutes for February and March 2020:** Jones, Diaz and passing with Abbate abstaining
3. **Budget FY 2020-21**

Young presented the budget and stated that he wanted to have a discussion regarding the budget to either adjust it or proceed as approved and amend it later once we get a better idea of the long-term outcomes due to COVID-19. Miles stated that he would like to amend later after there is more clarity. Abbate asked what the cities are doing regarding impacts. Nolan stated that they are still putting together the budget but have yet to finalize. Dirks stated that they are moving forward as planned which was conservative and will probably adjust at the time of adoption in June.

Abbate asked about summer program revenues and how that may be impacted this year. Abbate stated that the big picture will be based on summer programs, and how that will be impacted. It may be too early to tell right now about those impacts. Abbate stated that the fundraisers are also the other question marks and feels we should wait until we change the budget.

Miles agreed and stated that there are a number of things that may be impacted based on COVID-19. Harden stated that he suggested that we ought to cancel the 5k and fundraiser. Edgefield will still be closed, and even if we can meet for the dinner, we may not get a lot of response for participants and partners as a result of the business impacts to COVID-19. Miles



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stated that he thought that was a well stated email and mentioned that other large fundraisers have been cancelled for other entities that also need funds like the foodbanks. Jones stated that the dinner should probably be cancelled, but the 5k could be postponed until the fall. Harden stated that he just thought about cancelling the May 5k, not a fall 5k

Harden stated that in addition to the cancellation of events, there may be more need for scholarships and will be asking for more Wood Village resource for scholarships. Miles stated that he knows Smith had concerns about organizations that had already given funds, and there may be opportunities for continued giving.

Abbate stated that if it would make sense to go to the bigger donors and state that while we need the donation, we cannot do the dinner but will continue to do promotions and advertising of the sponsors. Abbaté stated that the dinner could also be in the fall time as well. Miles suggested that it go back to each committee with a recommendation back to the board on how to proceed.

Abbate stated that he appreciates the committees to weigh in, and that creates more meetings with more times and delays, and this may not require another meeting. There may not be more information in the groups than with the full board.

Nolan stated that this agenda item was to give the budget offer direction on the budget. Nolan stated that the unknowns are the fundraiser. The ending fund balance is \$23,631, which will be impacted because revenues and expenditures did not occur. The 5k itself is only about \$3,000 so it is not a big issue overall. Nolan stated that he can submit the budget as is, and we can review updated figures in May for the Council to adopt in June.

Abbate moved to keep current budget with potential amendments at the next meeting for updated projections. Seconded by Miles and passing

4. 5k Fundraiser

Rios-Campos stated that May would be too soon for the 5k, and Edgefield is still shut down. The event will be postponed in May and could be held in the fall. Rios-Campos stated that the timeframe last year of early October may work well. There may also be construction impacts at the Donald Robertson Park, and the event could be shifted to Fairview as well. Rios-Campos stated that there are two 5ks in next years budget.

Harden to cancel the May 5k and continue to budget for next fiscal for fall and spring. Abbate second and passing.

5. Dinner

Rios-Campos stated that through Dr. Diaz we have a \$2,000 dinner sponsor, and now it is about what to do for the funds that have already been committed or donated to the dinner



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fundraising event. Jones stated that she is in favor of a delay. Riordan stated that any changes will need to include notice to the sponsors. Riordan stated that soliciting donations right now for what we are doing compared to other needs does not make sense right now. Our fundraising should be put on hold for the time being.

Abbate stated that we planned to net \$12,000 from this event, and if we were able to convince the two organizations that have pledged support, but not have a dinner, it may work this year if we still promote those entities and their work. Abbate stated that right now, it is tough to ask for funds when there are other needs. As long as we thank them and they are okay with no dinner, it may work for this year considering the circumstances.

Jones stated that with all going including school and meetings, and other stresses, she would be okay with cancelling the dinner. Diaz stated that she would still be okay with soliciting donors for the program without mentioning the two events if the board is okay with that approach. Rios-Campos stated that he can draft up a letter for those interested in reaching out. Abbate stated that the letter can celebrate the current major donors, and state that we will be back next year with events, and understand the difficult times we are all in. Harden stated that is a great idea and could still leverage firms that are still doing well.

Diaz motion to send letter and cancelling dinner seconded by Harden and passing

6. Guide

Rios-Campos presented the recreation guide for spring and summer and explained that spring programming was looking really full until COVID-19. Rios-Campos stated that right now everything is postponed until May, and will probably be extended. There is the possibility of not having a spring session, but there may be an option for virtual classes or programs to help fill the void. Rios-Campos stated that our partners are still waiting to get overall direction on moving forward, and we are still planning for summer activities. Rios-Campos stated that as of right now, the classes and programming is on pause.

Abbate stated that with so many variables, in-person activities for spring should be cancelled, and then we should look at the capacity for virtual programs. As far as the guide, we drop these things and encourage the use of the website. Rios-Campos stated that there was also talk of postponing the guide until early June for summer activities.

Jones stated that she would love programs that could supplement distance learning activities.

Harden agrees with cancelling spring, and to have a future discussion about future publications and its format.

Motion to cancel spring by Diaz and seconded by Jones.



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Cooper asked what Troutdale is doing in terms of recreation planning. Rios-Campos stated that some classes were going digital but only ones that were in progress prior to COVID-19. Rios-Campos stated that Troutdale is not doing anything new regarding programing. Rios-Campos stated that one of the art instructors had interest in creating a free online art program with simple to use items and could be on the Play EAST! site. Rios-Campos stated that it is not finalized but could be put together shortly. Abbate stated that he liked that idea a lot. Nolan asked what that would cost. Rios-Campos stated that the conversation is still in the works, but it would be low budget in the area of \$150-\$200.

The Board acted on the earlier motion and cancelled spring programming.

Riordan stated that it makes sense to look at moving things online and hope we can still have summer programs. In the meantime, the online concept looks promising and should be investigated.

Rios-Campos asked for guidance on when to put out the guide and if early June would be okay if COVID-19 works out. Riordan asked when the deadline is for a release. Rios-Campos stated that if everything were finalized on June 1st, the guide would go out on the 8th with the programs starting in July. Miles stated that it makes sense to delay until we know more. Harden agreed and stated that part of page should still include COVID-19 safety information.

7. Other business:

Dirks asked if Play EAST! could help distribute Easter eggs since the hunts for the two cities had to be cancelled. Diaz stated that Rios-Campos can work with her team to get contacts for the area food programs.


Adjourn 7:06pm

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Darren Riordan, Chair

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Greg Dirks, City Manager

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