

Board Meeting, Monday, February 10, 2025

2:00 pm Tennis Center

Attendees: *Kevin McHugh, Vickie Edwards, Cynthia Fortson, Heather Jarboe, Michele Newton, Cynthia MacDonald, Brad Martin(absent)*

Advisors: *Lilly Garrett, Pat Pino*

Minutes: January minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report

- Kevin reported that there is a large number of players who were AAPA members in 2024 who have not renewed their memberships. For the past several years, the AAPA has broken even regarding memberships and expenses. However, board members discussed concern about the decrease in members renewing and agreed that gathering information about why those players have not renewed this year would be helpful information.
 - Cynthia M. will send an email to those players who did not renew and include a two question survey.
 - Cynthia M. will then follow back up with those members once she has conducted the survey and organized the results.

Action items

- Discussion over meeting with Leisure Services staff
Michele and Cynthia M. met with Mr. Kilpatrick (*Retiring Dir. of ACC Leisure Services*), Mr. Bond (*Interim Dir. ACC Leisure services*), and Trevor Ross (Division Admin.) during week of January 27, 2025.
Summary of their meeting:
 - *Mr. Kilpatrick is retiring in March. Mr. Bond will become interim in April.
 - *Satterfield Park has a grant that expires at the end of 2026, so funds must be used by then for any grant funded construction for the entire park.
 - *A new project manager will be hired in April. This person's first priority is to start work on the courts at Satterfield. These dual courts should be completed by the end of 2026.
 - *Sandy Creek park- lights will not be installed, and payment waivers will not be available for pickleball players. Dedicated pickleball courts seem very unlikely, as Mr. Bond indicated he is concerned about noise at the nature center and would want sound barriers to be used.
 - *The administrators indicated there are no plans for other park areas to have dedicated pickleball courts. The masterplan for SEC is further down the road unless more grant money is found or taken out of capital funds, which are already committed.
 - *Major capital projects rely on funding from grants and SPLOST.
 - *Mr. Bond acknowledged that Leisure Services is amenable to putting in lights at the SEC courts, especially if AAPA could provide a portion of the funding.
 - *Mr. Bond encouraged AAPA to consider becoming a friend of ACC Parks/Rec.
 - The board agreed that AAPA should meet again with Mr. Bond after he assumes leadership.

Boys & Girls Club Update

Cynthia Fortson spoke with the new director, Dr. Coleman, and explained AAPA's relationship with the club. She then met with Derrick Floyd, Director of Operations. Mr. Floyd was somewhat vague in his explanation, but he would not commit to allowing AAPA to use the club gym as it has in the past.

Joan Baird shared via text that Jim Newland, B&G club board member, explained that there are no staff to provide supervision or ensure safety during the hours that AAPA would like to use the gym. Due to safety concerns, it is not feasible for them to allow outside groups.

Community Day at Bishop Park

Cynthia M. requested and received board approval to use \$200 to create digital advertising for this event. She can target specific groups of people in order to increase the likelihood of interested people viewing the advertisement.

The board agreed that 12 volunteers will be needed for this event.

Cynthia M. will also send out a request on our AAPA Facebook page to recruit volunteers.

New business/open discussion: *Evening Mixer*

Pat Pino to work on setting up a mixer at a local brewery so members who work and cannot attend the quarterly AAPA potluck gatherings will have an opportunity to socialize.

Set next meeting date- March 11, 2024 2pm at SEC Tennis Center