

**Westside Community Center Working Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 30, 2023**

Members Present: Becky Fredell, Robin Hinsdale, Tena Jelinek, Liz Lopez Vaughan, Judy McKay-Harbert, Kathy Perry, Mary Tauras, Justin Trudeau

Parks Board Liaisons Present: Greg Thornton

Staff Present: Mark Snow, Jamie Bequette, Felicia Barnhart, Kim King

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Committee Chair Justin Trudeau brought the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Agenda Preview

Committee Chair Justin Trudeau gave a preview of the agenda for the meeting.

Announcements

Mark Snow, Community Recreation Manager, announced that Committee member Barry Spaeth had resigned.

Citizen Discussion

There was no citizen discussion at this time.

Approval of Minutes – March 16, 2023 meeting minutes.

Motion – To approve the March 16, 2023 meeting minutes with proposed changes.

1st – Justin Trudeau, 2nd – Greg Thornton, Approved, Unanimously.

Committee Business

There was no Committee Business at this time.

Staff Updates

Westside Community Center Facility Operations – Gift Trust/Donates; Updated Website

Jamie Bequette, Program Administrator, informed the Committee that the webpage for the Center and the Committee had been updated with a new web address. This will be reflected in the e-newsletter, as well. Additionally, Jamie announced that there is now information on how to donate to a gift trust for the Center, and staff is working on adding a “button” to the webpage that can be selected to donate. Jamie said staff will continue to update citizens and the Committee on the donation process. Finally, Mark Snow announced that there is a new

email address for citizens to reach the Committee and staff. The new email is wccworkingcommittee@coloradosprings.gov.

Action Items

Proposals for Leased Space

Foot Care Services/Senior Clinic – Colleen Morton

Colleen Morton, citizen, provided a brief background on her services and why they would be a suitable fit for leased space at the Center.

Motion: To recommend the Foot Care Services/Senior Clinic proposal for potential implementation at the Westside Community Center.

1st – Tena Jelenik, 2nd – Greg Thornton, Approved, Unanimously.

Garden Farms – Tanvi Lad

Tanvi Lad, citizen, provided a brief background on her services and why they would be a suitable fit for leased space at the Center.

Motion: To recommend Garden Farms proposal for potential implementation at the Westside Community Center.

1st – Kathy Perry, 2nd – Liz Lopez Vaughan, Approved, Unanimously.

United Hearts Community School – Michelle Carroll

Michelle Carroll, citizen, provided a brief background on her services and why they would be a suitable fit for leased space at the Center.

Motion: To recommend the United Hearts Community School proposal for potential implementation at the Westside Community Center.

1st – Kathy Perry, 2nd – Robin Hinsdale, Approved, Unanimously.

Modern Yoga Company – Brooke Sakharia

Motion: To postpone evaluation of the Modern Yoga Company proposal indefinitely.

1st – Justin Trudeau, 2nd – Liz Lopez Vaughan, Approved, Unanimously.

Springs Community Acupuncture – Hannah Beachy

Motion: To postpone the evaluation of the Springs Community Acupuncture proposal until the April 20, 2023 meeting.

1st – Justin Trudeau, 2nd – Becky Fredell, Approved, Unanimously.

CONO (Council of Neighborhood Organizations) – Sara Vaas

Motion: To postpone the evaluation of CONO until the April 20, 2023 meeting.

1st – Becky Fredell, 2nd – Tena Jelenik, Approved, Unanimously.

Firefly Autism – Mandy Rades

Mandy Rades, citizen, provided a brief background on her services and why they would be a suitable fit for leased space at the Center.

Motion: To recommend Firefly Autism proposal for potential implementation at the Westside Community Center.

1st – Liz Lopez Vaughan, 2nd – Kathy Perry, Approved, Unanimously.

Funky Little Theater Company – Chris Medina

Motion: To postpone the evaluation of the Funky Little Theater Company indefinitely.

1st – Liz Lopez Vaughan, 2nd – Becky Fredell, Approved, Unanimously.

Proposals for Programs/Services

Strength with Robert – Robert Lee

Robert Lee, citizen, provided a brief background on why his program would be suitable for programming at the Center.

Motion: To postpone the evaluation of Strength With Robert proposal indefinitely.

1st – Becky Fredell, 2nd – Liz Lopez Vaughan, Approved, Unanimously.

After School Tutoring – Daryl Kuiper

Daryl Kuiper, citizen, provided a brief background on his program and why it would be a suitable fit for programming and services at the Center.

Motion: To recommend the After School Tutoring proposal for potential implementation at the Westside Community Center.

1st – Judy Harbert-McKay, 2nd – Robin Hinsdale, Approved, Unanimously.

Organization of Westside Neighbors – Kathy Perry

Kathy Perry, speaking as a citizen, provided a brief background on the Organization of Westside Neighbors and why it would be a suitable fit for programming and services at the Center.

Committee Chair Justin Trudeau excused himself from the room for this evaluation, as he believed there could be a conflict of interest due to him being on the Board for the Organization of Westside Neighbors. Kathy Perry also left the room during discussion.

Motion: To recommend the Organization of Westside Neighbors proposal for potential implementation at the Westside Community Center.

1st – Judy McKay Harbert, 2nd – Becky Fredell, Approved, Unanimously with Justin Trudeau and Kathy Perry abstaining.

Art Classes – Judy McKay Harbert

Judy McKay Harbert, speaking as a citizen, provided a brief background on her program, and why it would be a suitable fit for programming and services at the Center. Judy McKay Harbert left the room during discussion.

Motion: To recommend Art Classes proposal for potential implementation at the Westside Community Center.

1st – Justin Trudeau, 2nd – Liz Lopez Vaughan, Approved, Unanimously with Judy McKay Harbert abstaining.

Ninja Academy and Supply – James Rodzen

James Rodzen, citizen, provided a brief background on his program, and why it would be a suitable fit for programming and services at the Center.

Motion: To postpone evaluation of Ninja Academy and Supply proposal indefinitely.

1st – Tena Jelenik, 2nd – Liz Lopez Vaughan, Approved, Unanimously.

Westside Mamas – Claire Wallace

Claire Wallace, citizen, provided a brief background on her program, and why it would be a suitable fit for programming and services at the Center.

Motion: To recommend Westside Mamas proposal for potential implementation at the Westside Community Center.

1st – Greg Thornton, 2nd – Robin Hinsdale, Approved, Unanimously.

Silver Key Connections Café – Cindy Carvell

Cindy Carvell, citizen, was not present at the time of evaluation. However, multiple Committee members commented on the history of this service at the Center.

Motion: To recommend the Silver Key Connections Café proposal for potential implementation at the Westside Community Center.

1st – Liz Lopez Vaughan, 2nd – Kathy Perry, Approved, Unanimously.

WCC Share and Learn – Jamie Bequette

Jamie Bequette, Program Administrator, provided a brief background on WCC Share and Learn, and why it would be a suitable fit for programming and services at the Center.

Motion: To recommend WCC Share and Learn proposal for potential implementation at the Westside Community Center.

1st – Kathy Perry, 2nd – Tena Jelenik, Approved, Unanimously.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion – Move to adjourn the Westside Community Center Working Committee meeting at 5:37 p.m.

1st - Kathy Perry, 2nd – Tena Jelenik, Approved, Unanimously.