

Community Center Advisory Board Minutes March 2nd, 2023

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Buffalo Community Center of the City of Buffalo, Minnesota, held a regular meeting in the Buffalo Community Center Game Room on the 2nd day of March 2023 at 2:00p.m.

Board Members: Mary Kay Kath, Jason Thornton, Lisa Hendricks, Brad Dahl

Staff: Teri Welter, Adam Leiferman

Members Absent: Fred Naaktegeboren, Geri Bokusky, Kim Carlson.

Members of the public present: Tammy Johnson

Chairperson Kath called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

Dahl motions to approve the February 2nd board minutes. Hendricks seconds the motion.

Kath begins a discussion about the officers and the roles. Wanting to know if the duties are being met as chair. Leiferman shared that she is meeting all expectations and that the rest of the board was happy to keep her on as the chair if she was willing to stay. Thornton motions to approve Mary Kay Kath as Community Center Chair for the year 2023. Dahl seconds the motion. There was a vacancy in the Vice Chair position and a short discussion was had about the role for Vice Chair. The duties entail calling the meetings to order and leading the group through the agenda in the absence of the Chair. Hendricks volunteered to be the Vice Chair. Thornton made the motion to nominate Hendricks as the Vice Chair. Kath seconds the motion.

Open Forum

Hendricks started by sharing how great it was to see all the programs the Community Center had to offer over Buffalo Strong week. She appreciated the events and came to a couple of them. Welter gave a recap of Buffalo Strong activities. When asked about the Buffalo Strong group, Welter and Leiferman shared that the Community Center is working toward being that central hub for residents to come for more information. An information board is being made in the entryway of the Community Center and should be up soon to display different outreach programs and amenities in the community for help. Transportation was mentioned and if the Community Center has every considered its own private bus. Leiferman shared the costs for a private bus are very high and that we could rent the Delano Senior Center bus for \$50 an hour. There is also Trailblazer Transit in town that offers rides throughout Wright County. Staff will reach out to Trailblazer and learn more about their offerings in

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the community.

Leiferman gave an update about the city's interest in the downtown cinema. Some city staff, including Leiferman, have toured the facility with the owner and have met with members of the Buffalo Community and Arts Center group to discuss how the cinema could be used to meet the needs of the community. Dahl shared that the city council was interested in all the possibilities that could come of the cinema, but they want to know more information. There would need to be inspections and cost estimates done to move forward with anything. Leiferman shared that the building could serve several functions for the community like additional senior programming, more art and active programs, event venue and theatre.

Leiferman gave a preview of the upcoming spring break activities and listed the events. Kath asked if groups like the Scouts ever volunteer because they need volunteer hours for badges. Other groups like Timber Bay and Lakeside Academy were also mentioned as groups to reach out to for event help.

Since there were some new members present who have not seen all the recent changes to the building, Leiferman suggested we take a tour of the facility, and the group can ask more questions about the activities and programs.

Kath made a motion to adjourn. Thornton seconds the motion.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.



Chairperson