

## **Community Center Advisory Board Minutes May 4th, 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 4th day of May 2023 at 2:00p.m.

Board Members: Geri Bokusky, Jason Thornton, Tammy Johnson, Lisa Hendricks, Brad Dahl, Fred Naaktegeboren.

Staff: Teri Welter, Adam Leiferman

Members Absent: Kim Carlson, Mary Kaye Kath

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Hendricks called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup> MINUTES**

Bokusky motions to approve the meeting minutes for March advisory board meeting. Naaktegeboren seconds the motion.

### **REVIEW BOARD/COMMISSION TRAINING MANUAL**

Leiferman asked if all members had chance to review the Open Meeting Law updates and read some of the main lines. He asked if communication of Community Center board and City Council is going as expected with councilmember Dahl. Councilmember Dahl felt that it is going well and if we have any special requests or concerns to make them clear and he will communicate with council.

### **CINEMA UPDATE**

Leiferman updated that the city approved to do the facility inspection with cost estimates and design. He reviewed a preliminary design. Councilman Dahl shared a little about the facility study and why the police station and road improvements are at the top of the list for updates to city facilities.

Naaktegeboren expressed concern with the cinema regarding it not being the design of a community center that much of the public is looking for. If the cinema was to move forward, that could be the community center for many years to come and not serve all the public. Hendricks agreed and doesn't see the cinema project serving youth in the community.

### **MANAGER REPORT**

Leiferman updated advisory board with activities over the last two months. Bokusky asked about what the Street Party of Hope was about and Welter updated board on her involvement on planning board. Lots of vendors and the

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need for more vendors about suicide prevention. Suicide is a topic many are afraid to talk about and this event is to allow people the space to get help without the fear of talking about it.

Hendricks shared about the 2Bcontinued group. It is a local suicide awareness group.

Leiferman talked about upcoming seasonal events and holidays. Also talked about the upcoming boat rental season and park concessions that he manages at Griffing Park. Sturges will be closed this year due to road construction.

Welter let everyone know about Bison Fishing Forever and the need for volunteers. The group takes out almost 150 trips during the summer to seniors and families for free fishing trips.

#### **BOARD MEMBER UPDATES**

Naaktegeboren spoke about the free community breakfasts held at the Community Center. April 22<sup>nd</sup> was the first one at Zion church and it served 220 people. Usual attendance and menu scheduled through October.

Thornton shared that Game Night at the CC is taking off! Pokeman and the high school chess club have been new additions that have drawn new people into game night.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Bokusky motions to adjourn at 2:50pm. Dahl seconds the motion.



Chairperson