

## **Buffalo Community Center Advisory Board Minutes May 12, 2022**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Buffalo Community Center of the City of Buffalo, Minnesota, held a regular meeting at the Buffalo Community Center / Game Room on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

*Members Present:* Darlene Bechtold, Geri Bokusky, Mary Kaye Kath, Nick O'Rourke (Council Liaison),

*Staff Present:* Adam Leiferman, Teri Welter, Taylor Gronau, Kellie McConville (off-site)

*Members Absent:* Amanda Kiviaho, Pat Kolbinger, Fred Naaktgeboren, Jason Thornton, Veronica Varner, Kim Carlson (non-voting member),

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Kath called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MARCH 3<sup>rd</sup> MEETING MINUTES**

O'Rourke made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Bechtold 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, with all voting in favor.

### **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS**

None

### **OPEN FORUM**

None

### **REVIEW AND FEEDBACK OF BYLAWS**

Gronau introduced the updated bylaws to the group. Indicating that the bylaws are updated to match the new city code which was set in 2021.

Kath read through the bylaws, indicating the deletions and additions to what was previously followed. Leiferman mentioned that it states in the Bylaws that the Chairperson has to have been a member of the executive committee for at least one year. Since Chairperson Kath was voted as Chair at the previous meeting and has served for under one year, she will be grandfathered into this role since the new bylaws were not yet set by city council at the time of her appointment to Chair. Bechtold asked about the scheduled meeting dates of every odd month. Welter confirmed that the meetings have regularly been held every other month and not monthly. Bechtold and the rest of the group agreed that meeting every other month is adequate at this time. Leiferman noted the time of the meeting is to be held at 2pm, versus what the bylaws draft had on it. There were no further questions after the bylaws were read and O'Rourke made a motion to approve the updated bylaws, Bokusky 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, with all voting in favor.

### **RECAP AND UPCOMING NEWS**

Leiferman recapped a couple of the past events like the April Spring Break events and noted that while we are seeing a lot of social media buzz and getting praise from the community for new activities, we are not seeing it as far as more participation in these

new events.

It was suggested to reach out to schools more to see how we can advertise. Backpack fliers were noted as an idea.

Despite low attendance, Kids Crafts are going well and getting really positive reviews. McConville is doing a fantastic job leading these activities. Leiferman informed the group of his additional job duties as boat rental and concessions manager at Lake Pulaski and Buffalo Lake.

Leiferman informed the group that McConville is busy with the launch of CivicRec to the City of Buffalo website. This add-on to the website will allow the public to review the calendar and make reservations for the rental boats. This will eventually roll into some of the activities of the Community Center so that we can keep better track of attendance and payments for activities.

Welter introduced the wall art project that was started. Fence pickets painted like people to help promote the diversity of people welcomed at the Community Center. Volunteers have painted several thus far. The plan is to install before Buffalo Days. O'Rourke asked if murals were ever considered on the exterior of the building. Leiferman noted that the question was brought up earlier in the year with Staff and this art project was removable and/or replaceable if ever broken or vandalized. This was a less expensive option to murals.


Leiferman reviewed some of the activities planned for Buffalo Days in June.

Bokusky brought up the value of some of the programs and what the Community Center offers to the community at almost no cost. It was thought that adding a \$5 cost to the adult craft class would help to cover the costs of the program. Leiferman and Welter brought up that the cost of the operating the craft class is low in comparison to other classes and that charging even \$5 would prevent most of the craft group from participating all together. No motion was made to start charging for any of these programs.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn by Kath and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bechtold. Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM.

  
Chairperson

  
Secretary