

# Community Recreation Advisory Board

Recreation & Cultural Affairs Division

Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2022 5:30 – 6:30pm

Williams School Building, 180 Walnut St, Chelsea, MA

**Members:** Alice Murillo, Co-Chair, Vanesa Mendoza-Mercado, Recorder, Mohamed Qasim, Christopher Marroquin, Ngoc Nguyen, Melissa Polino

**Staff:** Bea Cravatta, Director; Omar Miranda, Alex DelValle-Montoya

## I. Welcome & Introductions

- Introduction of members

## II. Approve Minutes of 3/8/2022 and 5/10/2022

- Motion to approve 3/8/2022 minutes from Vanesa, second by Ngoc
- Motion to approve 5/10/2022 minutes from Christopher, second by Ngoc

## III. Summer 2022 Highlights

- Voke park is a hotspot for recreation activities, a transformation of the park in the last few years due to high activity
- Multiple programs, including partnerships with Tenacity, Soccer Without Borders, Tech Goes Home
- Learn to Fish, Art at the Park, Running Club (current instructor Eduardo has built up the running community in Chelsea and bringing guests) Bike Rodeo and Martial Arts have also been successful this season
- Offered ESOL classes in the afternoon but morning classes were added this season at the library
- Continue to build back our participation, numbers have increased since remote
- Red Sox foundation as an introduction to sports for students, providing supplies for participants
- Looking for ways to maximize space for recreational activities, balancing use of parks and building space as renovations are being scheduled

## IV. Other Business

- No longer providing print outs of program booklets, but they will be available online
- As a replacement, creating monthly flyers with updates shared through the schools
- Creating a booklet with information about parks and facilities
- Meeting with YMCA, hoping to give more information at a future meeting
- New city website launching at some point in the fall

## V. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: 1st: Vanesa, 2nd: Alice

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 5:30 on Zoom

Recorder: Vanesa Mendoza-Mercado

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