

Community Recreation Advisory Board

Recreation & Cultural Affairs Division

Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2022 5:30 – 6:30pm

Williams School Building, 180 Walnut St, Chelsea, MA

Members; Kevin Sandoval, Chair Alice Murillo, Co-Chair; Vanesa Mendoza-Mercado, Recorder, Mohamed Qasim, Christopher Marroquin

Staff: Alejandro Rivera, Bea Cravatta, Director

I. Welcome/Introductions

II. Approve Minutes of Jan 12, 2022

- Minutes approved unanimously

III. Digital technology training opportunities

- Providing courses to meet the needs of technology advancement for all ages (young and adult learners)
- Mass Hire grants provided us with chromebooks
- Hiring Alejandro as our tech instructor - 2 classes in the spring
 - Beginner's computer basics for students ages 18+ using a chromebook (email and creating one, G suites apps)
 - Tech Goes Home - no longer charging \$50 to enroll and chromebooks are given at the start of class. Participants can keep the chromebook once they complete the hour requirements.
- Board brainstormed potential classes and partnerships
 - Workshops for whole families - adults and children who can reinforce the skills at home
 - Online safety for families and students
 - Partnering with nearby colleges to provide workshops for participants
 - Coding for kids
- BHCC has some computer courses with computer classrooms that are used for various tests/certification for students but also open computer lab for students to use to complete work
- How to bridge students interests and build tech skills (photography, reading, music, video editing)
- Clarification of how to use chromebooks outside of school (high schoolers taking courses at BHCC and La Collaborativa asking for chromebooks)

IV. Community Use of Williams Building & Clark Avenue School

- We are seeing more usage of space and now La Collaborativa is using facility space at the Clark thanks to additional grant funding
- Reserves have been used throughout pandemic but now with grants coming in we can allocate money for other programming
- Community use of the building at WMS for open gym and other classes

V. Announcements

VI. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: 1st: Mohammed 2nd: Alice

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 8, 2021 at 5:30 (virtual)

Recorder: Vanesa Mendoza-Mercado

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