

Community Recreation Advisory Board

Recreation & Cultural Affairs Division

Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2022 5:30 – 6:30pm

Williams School Building, 180 Walnut St, Chelsea, MA

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

Staff: Bea Cravatta, Director

Guests: Karl Allen and Lourdes Alvarez

I. Welcome/Introductions

II. Approve Minutes of 2/8/2022

- Motion to approve minutes from Mohamed and Christopher

III. ARPA Funds - Possible Expansion & Partnerships

- Introduction of guest, Karl Allen and Lourdes Alvarez
- Chelsea established a committee to determine the use of ARPA funds (\$15 million) in the community, this group identified 6 areas as a priority
- How will this money be allocated to meet the needs of the community, who will oversee the expansion?
- Bea met with stakeholders across the city, including Tom Ambrosino, to discuss the responses of the community
- How can we create partnerships with other organizations, such as the Boys and Girls Club or the YMCA to fill in the gaps identified by residents. How can we use the resources already available to us?
- What programming is needed and what hours are we available to meet this demand?
- CPS has hired an after school coordinator, how can we collaborate with them to use school facilities such as the stadium.
- Working on the expansion of programming in the morning during summer 2022, providing flexible gym space with equipment and supervision
- ARPA committee will meet with the City Council on March 15th and then presenting results of findings on March 16th
- One of the highest priorities under the environmental health was the need of open space
- What updates can we make to the recreation agreement to have more access to the space currently available in the schools?

IV. Summer 2022

- Tenacity is returning, morning and afternoon group with 2 different age groups
- Bike rodeo - all are welcome to bring bikes
- Chill Foundation will return in May
- Chelsea running club lead by Eduardo Rodriguez

V. Announcements

VI. Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 5:30

Recorder: Vanesa Mendoza-Mercado

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