

# Chelsea Community Schools Advisory Board Meeting

Recreation & Cultural Affairs Division

Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2021 5:30 – 6:30pm

Williams School Building, 180 Walnut St, Chelsea, MA

**Members:** Christopher Marroquin, Vanesa Mendoza-Mercado, Alice Murillo, Kevin Sandoral, Mohamed Qasim,

**Staff:** Bea Cravatta, Omar Miranda

## I. Welcome

## II. FY22 Budget Narrative and Staffing

- Bea had a discussion with City Manager and Deputy City Manager about the need to move the Community Schools as a program under the Recreation & Cultural Affairs Division and to place more name emphasis on the Rec Division name so residents can distinguish between public school use and when the buildings are used by the community after hours.
- Drawback of using "Recreation" hides the educational aspects of our programming
- Proposal: adding the word "enrichment"
  - The term "schools" has also brought many opportunities (grants, participants...)
  - Plan is to discuss this with CPS Superintendent, - our current name creates some confusion so a change needs to be made potentially by the fall
- Name of the Board
  - Board recommends keeping "community" and "advisory" in name
  - Suggestions:
    - Community Recreation & Enrichment Advisory Board
    - Community Recreation Advisory Board

### New Summer 2021 Programs

- Partnership with Tenacity, Inc a popular summer tennis & reading program for youth
- Harvard Museum - one week long enrichment program for youth

## III. Announcements

- We want to work more closely with summer youth employment initiative
- Opportunity to permit municipal park
  - The school department manages three athletic fields: Carter Park, Mary C Burke Field and Veterans Memorial Field, City Hall manages Highland Park Soccer Field and Courts and Voke Park Courts and Field
  - Thinking about how to permit all fields so they are used appropriately
- Egg hunt March 27 10-11:30am Vanesa and Chris volunteered to assist that day.

## IV. Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:30

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 13 2021 at 5:30 (Virtual)

Recorder: Vanesa Mendoza-Mercado

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