

Community Recreation Advisory Board

Recreation & Cultural Affairs Division

Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2021 5:30 – 6:30pm

Williams School Building, 180 Walnut St, Chelsea, MA

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

Staff: Alex Delvalle-Montoya, Manager, Omar Miranda, Manager, Bea Cravatta, Director

Guest: Enza Goodwin, ESOL Curriculum Coordinator

I. Welcome

II. Approve Minutes of Aug 10, 2021

III. Chelsea English Language Program

- Back to in person classes since March 2020
 - We are seeing many returning participants and the feedback has been positive
 - Long waitlist since we have small class sizes
- Enza researched ESL classes locally/across the country and found many similarities regarding program cost
- Concentration is basic language and literacy, the foundational skills are the same but the way we offer/present it to learners will look different
- Classes should be tailored to participants but the goal is to provide multiple instructional resources for instructors to choose appropriate class materials
- Moving forward thinking about how to provide students with additional information and supplies after students register for class, such as a folder with handouts about the class
- Hiring more ESOL instructors
- Thinking about what classes are in person versus remote, a beginners class is necessary in person but an advance reading and writing can be remote

IV. Sports & Fitness in Chelsea

- Athletic Field Use & Indoor use of CPS Facilities
- Scheduling has been a bit chaotic due to multiple programming and change in weather
 - Major locations are WMS and CAMS
- Structure of the program determines the space and equipment needed (free play vs leagues vs clinics)
- Who are our participants? How can we reach out to adults to create leagues? What are we doing to serve children with disabilities?
 - Improving awareness of what teams are available for students and reaching out to create an adult team
 - Flyers are effective (thanks Veronica!)

V. Announcements

- Art & Culture Coordination Group Wed 12/15 from 3-4pm City Council Conference Room
- Sessions being offered at BHCC HighSet in English and Spanish

VI. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: 1st: Vanesa Mendoza-Mercado 2nd: Kevin Sandoval

Meeting adjourned at 6:45

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 5:30

Recorder: Vanesa Mendoza-Mercado

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