

Turner Recreation Commission
831 S. 55th St., Kansas City, KS 66106
February 8, 2024 Meeting

The regular monthly meeting for February was called to order by Chairperson, Rocki Mayes on February 8, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

ATTENDEES:

Commissioners: Mrs. Rocki Mayes, Chairperson; Mrs. Chandra Ward, Vice Chairperson; Ronald Florez, Secretary; Mr. Jim Jarsulic, Treasurer; and Jack Tolle, Public Relations

Staff: Mr. Robbie Spencer; Executive Director, Bobby McFarland, Sports Director/Assistant Director and Ms. Heather Mihm; Business Manager/Clerk of the Board

Liaisons: Mr. Bryan Fishbaugh; TUSD 202 School Board Member, and Ms. Lauren Aiello; TUSD 202 Director of Public Relations

Guests:

FLAG SALUTE

APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR: A motion was made by Commissioner Florez and seconded by Commissioner Tolle to approve the agenda, minutes of the January 11, 2024 regular meeting, outstanding payable detail, treasurer's report, cash summary report, and the monthly revenue and expense report. **MOTION CARRIED: (Ayes 5, Nays 0)**

Comments from the Public: None

Board Member's Report: Mr. Fishbaugh announced that the school board approved TRC football could utilize the high school football field for a game in the 2024 football season. Also, Mr. Fishbaugh was excited to let the TRC board know that TRC High School received 4th place out of 740 teams at the Battle of Brains which was held at Union Station on January 23, 2024. The students received a \$15,000.00 check, which will go to the STEM programming at the High School. Bryan wanted to mention that the Wyandotte Spelling Bee was hosted by Turner Middle School. Dakota File from Turner Sixth Grade Academy took 4th place in the Spelling Bee. There has been a new bench added to the Oak Grove playground. It is called "The Buddy Bench." The bench will help children find a buddy on a rough day while playing at recess. Last but not least, Bryan wanted to announce that school would be in session during the Super Bowl Parade if the KC Chiefs should win the super bowl. The school district is out of snow days and they wanted families to know that school will be in session on February 14, 2024.

Lauren Aiello announced that Luke Lee will be relocating to Florida. Luke's job has been posted.

Round Table:

A. Questions for the Attorney: None

New Business: None

Executive Director's Q&A: No questions or comments for Robbie at this time.

Board Members Round Table:

Jack Tolle: Commissioner Tolle wanted to apologize for his absence from the last few TRC meetings.

Ronald Florez: Mr. Florez gave an update on the basketball season. He stated that was going very well and they were "making it work the Turner way." He has loved giving out the Sportsmanship award at each game. It has been touching to see all the kids earn that award and to be proud of it.

Jim Jarsulic: The garden is prepping for Spring. The building is almost done and they are working on getting classes scheduled for canning and cooking classes. The Elder Bearies are meeting on a regular basis for game day at the garden building.

Chandra Ward: Commissioner Ward announced that the \$500 scholarship is now out and ready for Seniors to apply. The VPU program will kick off their summer internship after Memorial Day. The PTA Carnival is being planned and they are welcoming any vendors who might want to participate.

Rocki Mayes: Rocki wanted to say thank you to the TRC staff who have worked extra while they were short two full time staff. Commissioner Mayes also announced that Mayor Garner will be out of the office due to a medical procedure. During his absence, Mayor Pro Tem Tom Burroughs will be acting Mayor.

Executive Session: Chairperson Mayes made a motion at 6:20 pm that the board, one staff member and one community member will go into executive session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed. We will return to the open session, in this room at 6:30 pm for a 10 minute closed session. Ronald Florez seconded. **Motion Carried (Ayes 5, Nays 0)**

Recommendations: Chandra Ward made a motion to approve the hiring of an additional after care staff member. Ronald Florez seconded. **Motion Carried (Ayes 5, Nays 0)**

Announcements: The building will be closed Monday, February 19, 2024 in observance of President's Day.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Commissioner Florez and seconded by Commissioner Tolle to adjourn from the Thursday, February 8, 2024 meeting at 6:32 pm. **MOTION CARRIED: (Ayes 5, Nays 0)**

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Turner Recreation Commission community center gymnasium, 831 S 55th Street, Kansas City, KS 66106.

Mrs. Rocki Mayes, Chairperson

Mrs. Chandra Ward, Vice Chairperson