

GSCAC Meeting Minutes

July 16,2021

Attendance: Tina Johnson, Charlie Pearce, Sharon Verity, Tony DeRico, Ann Morgan

Staff: Maria Munoz-Blanco, Nancy Hulbert, Torrey Blackmar

Tony DeRico ,Vice Chair, called the meeting to order May Minutes were approved as submitted.

Introduction of Maria Munoz-Blanco or new PRCR Director.

GPAC Committee Report: Tina Johnson committee liaison reported that the committee is on hold until September.

PRCR Department Update: Maria updated the committee on Department news. GRC is scheduled to be open in August. There will be soft opening due the challenge of securing part time staff. There is a plan for a grand opening in the Fall. GPAC is preparing to reopen for normal fall schedule. For the last months, shows have been Virtual as part of **GPAC From Home** series. Small crowds are being welcomed inside for the last few shows to test safety protocols. The Town will be asking the PRAC Advisory Committee and the GSCAC Committee to support and advocate for an upcoming Bond Referendum in November. The money proposed in the bonds will support greenways and parks and the phased development of Meadowbrook and Yeargan properties. Presentations will be provided at the next GSCAC and PRAC meetings.

GSC Update:

Nancy Hulbert, Asst. Program Manager updated the group on GSC reopening. In April we offered our participants a welcome back party in the parking lot. We cooked hotdogs and had our new Line Dance instructor lead a few dances. During this time, we asked everyone to register with us (or re-register) and sign a new liability waiver. We want to know that everyone coming into the building has an updated profile and has a current membership card. Beginning in June, we were able to lessen restrictions and resume about 80% of our activities. We worked quickly to bring back as many programs as we could and have plans to bring back more each month. We had enough students to support two new Intermediate dance classes for seniors (fee based). With card and board games, we are monitoring attendance and evaluating what groups are coming to determine our afternoon schedules. Currently we are offering Pinochle and open card games. We are watching numbers and determining popularity of the different games. Our YouTube channel continues to provide people with an opportunity to try some of our classes without leaving their home. Virtual programming will not be recorded at GPAC next month because of reopening. There is new criteria for our Center of Excellence of NCDHHS to continue once a week programs. We are looking to offer a variety of educational programs. Some discussion was held about how to share equipment and possibly fund needed equipment through donations. Committee recommended that we come up with a wish list and consider requesting donations.

New August programming includes Tai Chi, Horticulture classes and intermediate dance. Adult fitness programs also resume in August. We are looking for a new Yoga instructor to teach Stretch and Flex and Yoga classes.

Meals on Wheels continues to have weekly pick up at GSC in the parking lot. Discussion about some safety concerns during pick up. Timing is bad with people entering and leaving the facility. Discussion about how Meals Delivery and the need to find another location possibly changing time to earlier and moving to GRP next door to the senior center.

Resources for Seniors, Sandra Lloyd has been assisting the public with special needs such as housing issues, insurance counselling and offering one on one consultations for agency information. She has prevented at least two known people from becoming homeless by helping them get connected with resources. Less of a programmer and more of a services coordinator. She has been a great fit for our team. She will be invited to future meetings.

Elections for Chair and Vice Chair of GSCAC will take place at our next meeting on September 17.

Respectfully submitted,

Torrey Blackmar, Recreation and Programs Manager (Adult and Senior)