

Celebration Residential Owners Association (CROA)

Recreation Committee Meeting Tuesday, March 26, 2024 5:30 PM MINUTES

Owners Comment

Brent Gibbs, Celebration Resident, expressed concerns on the tennis courts. Brent recommended moving group play back to 8:30am, have a hang tag for CROA IDs and build additional tennis courts. Chris and Dianne Finney, Celebration Residents, expressed concerns on tennis payment concerns. Additional concerns about non-residents playing on the tennis courts as well as why Advantage Tennis is offered Courts 4 & 5 instead of courts 1 & 2. Wendy Treat, Celebration Resident, expressed concerns on Advantage Tennis's schedule as well as the amenities should be for residents only. David Harris, Celebration Resident who represents the men's open play, provided the history for their open play tennis group, where any community member is accepted. Jose Juan Orsini Hecht, Celebration Resident, provided the percentage of the Advantage Tennis's court schedule, the 50% rosters should be residents only as well as parking issues at Lakeside Park. Gary Armstrong, Celebration Resident, concerns with non-residents utilizing the tennis courts as well as provided recommendation to push the men's open play back to 8:30am. Barbara Sherman, Celebration Resident, expressed concerns with utilizing a resident amenity for over 40-60%, has grown beyond the amenity. Tom Whelish, Celebration Resident, recommended providing a hang tag for CROA ID cards as well as better control over the tennis courts. Tim Hannon, Celebration Resident, provided feedback on the comments with the residents that have discussed. He also wanted to express concerns on pickleball courts needed in town.

Call to Order

The Recreation Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:09 PM by Victoria Sterry (Committee Chairman). Also present were Katherine Faiella, Marco Meccia, Rob Sassone and Lindsay Taylor. Committee members who were not present were John Trischler and Annie Wood. Representing the CROA Board were Celia McFadden, Charles Richards and Katy Shultman,. Representing GrandManors were Lauren Gunnyon, Executive Director, Niki Patten, Parks and Recreation Manager, Danny Mann Jr., Parks and Recreation Coordinator and Allison Iskowtiz, Recreation Program Coordinator. The meeting, having been appropriately noticed, was ready to proceed with business.

Adopt Agenda

Marco motioned to adopt the agenda, Lindsay seconded the motion. Call to vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Action/Discussion Items

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1. Lakeside Tennis Discussion

Victoria recommended having a park monitor that is stationed at Lakeside Park during the peak times for both tennis as well as the basketball courts. Another option was discussed was a keycard scanner around the courts. Finally, the additional option was signage as well as additional tennis courts. Lindsay asked management regarding the app for facility booking. Management explained the delay of the app, that needs to be molded for Celebration. Management also provided the history of how the committee got to the 50% Celebration Residents for the monthly roster as well as the flat rates for Advantage Tennis. Victoria discussed CROA ID card limitations on the number of residents per card, where there would only be a certain number of guests passes per year. Limited guests per pass could resolve concerns with basketball, tennis courts as well as events in town. Celia informed the committee the technology committee is reviewing a new opportunity to review the number of guests per pass with Gallagar. Lindsay stated a framework that needs to be created so it is in black and white for all our programs as well as events. Management provided a rate for a park monitor for both a fulltime and a part-time employee. Management provided the committee with the prime-time hours on the weekdays as well as weekends. Celia expressed concern that we may need to review a keycard scanner as well as the cameras. Charles agreed with Celia in regard to technology since this will help with staffing concerns as well as vandalism. The committee reviewed a sign that identifies the instructors on the tennis courts. Katherine motioned to review signage for the partner program, move the men's and ladies open play time back to 8:30am, discuss two park monitors, explore the cost of new courts and technology. Marco seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Spring Park Playground Proposal

Management informed the committee in regards to the playground equipment and what the committee would like to recommend. Victoria provided research on the specific kind of playground equipment that is trending to community playgrounds in 2024. Katy informed the committee the CROA Board is willing to up to \$400k for a playground. Lauren asked the committee whether Topline could create three options to give the committee a starting point. Marco recommended the synthetic turf on the playground. Lauren informed the committee this is an open playground with no fencing. The committee recommended sustainable materials, ADA accessibility, eco-friendly, shaded as well as a sensory play.

3. Basketball Court Discussion

Management provided the committee with the concerns on the youth trying to play basketball and the adults taking up time on the court. Katherine motioned to move the basketball time for adults on Tuesdays and Thursdays to 8-10pm. Rob seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. DNA Vending Machine Proposal

Victoria informed the committee this proposal has been moved to the next meeting in April.

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5. Celebration Foundation Winter Wonderland – Facility Request

Victoria informed the committee about the Winter Wonderland request: this organization did not request to close the pool for this year's request. With concerns of last year's ticket sales that were 150 with the room at a capacity of 120 guests, Victoria recommended to the committee that there needs to be a safety plan: including a diagram, estimate number of tickets given to volunteers/staff/etc., as well as alcohol needs to stay inside and not on the pool deck. The committee discussed alcohol on the pool deck. The committee also discussed a sheriff on property. Lauren informed the committee the pipe and drapes that are at Town Hall could be utilized for their Winter Wonderland to allow more room in the venue; however, alcohol would remain off the pool deck. Lauren suggested including an alcohol plan. Rob motioned to ask the Celebration Foundation for a diagram, a safety plan including an alcohol plan, estimate number of tickets given to the staff/volunteer, to keep the pool open as well as ensure there is a sheriff on property. Katherine seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Island Village Rental – Facility Fee Waiver

Victoria informed the committee on the history of this facility rental request. Katherine reaccused herself from voting. Management informed the committee the only cost would be for a staff member for three of their events per year. Marco suggested one per village. Lauren suggested the villages utilizing their own amenity center for a meet and greet. Katherine stated this would work on the pool deck. Management informed the committee the Parks and Recreation Team can monitor the event.

7. Teen Programming Discussion

This discussion item has been moved to the April meeting.

Discussion

No comments

Adjournment

Marco motioned to adjournment. Katherine seconded, and the motion passed unanimously at 7:10 PM.