

Vashon Commons Committee
December 2, 2009
7:00pm
McMurray Library

Voting Members Attending:

David Hackett, VPD Board Representative
John "Oz" Osborne, VISD Board Representative
Wendy Braicks, VPD Executive Director
Scott Rice, VPD User Group Representative

Unable to Attend:

Susan Lofland, Community Representative
Dave Wilke, VISD superintendent designee
VISD athletic community member not identified

Also Attending:

Tim Lafferty, VPD Maintenance Supervisor
Hilary Emmer, V Community Council

Welcome

Everyone introduced themselves.

Public Comment

Hilary Emmer reported on the VI Community Councils effort to identify goals for their group to improve the community. One goal was to develop a trail opportunity for people who need to use/push wheelchairs/strollers or have trouble walking a distance. They identified the school campus as a good location and wanted to request that a bench be allowed along the existing trails. Everyone was in favor of that so Hilary will check on bench styles and types and fundraise to purchase a bench or two. All agreed she should be in touch with Wendy and/or Tim to discuss the purchase and installation of a bench.

Sub Committee Reports

Scott reported that the Fields committee has met and has reviewed multiple fee scenarios and is discussing fees for field use and ways to improve the fields and/or items needed. He reported that he believes he has identified a football league representative for the fields committee.

Oz reported that the theater committee met and had similar questions about fees - What the purpose was and what they should be. All theater users agreed that raising fees from their groups is not easy. Some features that need to be improved in the theater were identified. David noted that the fees would be used for facility improvements and called the fund - "Facility Improvement Fund". Oz reported that Elizabeth Shepard will take his place as the chairman of the theater committee.

Wendy reported that the pool committee has met and will continue to meet over the winter working with Wallover to create a business plan for a summer season at the pool. The county has allocated \$75,000 to the Park District for the pool transfer. Tim has acquired surplus equipment for the pool.

Wendy reported that the indoor spaces committee has “met” on line identifying people/groups who might be interested in serving on this committee. The intention is for this group to meet in early 2010.

Field Update

Tim reported that all of the fields are in bad shape due to weather primarily but also heavy use. They do expect them to recover by spring but have asked for and received a reduction of use by user groups.

Policy Process

With such a small group in attendance, we agreed to include this on the next agenda. Sub-committees should be bringing policy ideas to this committee to assure the smooth operation and procedures for the commons. David asked that policy and procedure be drafted for the “volunteer access position”. He also asked about the procedure of “bumping” a community user by the schools. These will be included in future meetings as policy agenda items.

Next Agenda:

- Fees – Fee Structure
- Policy

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 17, 2010, McMurray Library, 7:00pm.