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Adaptive Recreation

Minutes*

Tuesday March 5, 2019 Meeting, Disabled Services Conference Room C

Members Present: Ray Pringle, Natalie Alden, Walter Johnson, Karen Prewitt, Barbara Brown, Jose Morales, Dan O'Connor

Disabled Services Staff Present: Kevin McDaniel, Lois Smokes, Jimmy Smith, Mack Blanton

Community Present: Rebecca Kruck, Jessica Ray, Alice Krauss, Stephanie Miller

In Attendance: The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m.

Ray Pringle provided an update on Hanna Park kayak launch. Ray Pringle requested that the council support a funding request to support Hanna Park needs. Kevin McDaniel provided an update on a request for letter of support for a potential Bethesda Park kayak launch. Ray Pringle asked for a motion to the letter of support, Natalie Alden made the motion, Karen Prewitt seconded. Motion passed regarding letter of support.

Ray Pringle provided a report on Denver's Adaptive Recreation Program. The program includes swimming, cycling, hiking, skiing, actor's workshop, water fitness, martial arts, seasonal dances, flag football, bocce, volleyball, and camping. The program is involved with the Special Olympics year around. One of their objectives is provide year around training and programming. The program also incorporates internships and partners with local universities. Transportation is provided on a limited basis. Mr. Pringle suggested internships should be incorporated into any programming provided by the City. Karen Prewitt asked if Denver indicated how they got started or not. Kevin McDaniel to follow up with Denver for with questions.

Kevin McDaniel provided a report Eugene Oregon's Adaptive Recreation Program.

Karen Prewitt provided a report on Hillsborough Adaptive Recreation. Partnerships include Special Olympics. There are three dedicated staff members. Transportation is not provided. To get started they began fund raising immediately. The Adaptive Recreation program is run through Parks and Recreation Department.



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Jose Morales provided a report on Atlanta, Ga. Atlanta has one dedicated facility with a computer lab, activity room, and a gym. Atlanta has four adaptive recreation programs and sports. Atlanta partners with others agencies to provide additional programming. Transportation is not provided. There are currently three staff members at the center. The center is used for all types of adaptive recreation, but for larger programs or special projects, access to other facilities is provided with support by the ADA Coordinator.

The second report provided was in regards to Turnstone, Fort Wayne. Programs included Boccia, Bowling, Goalball, Golf, Power Soccer, Sled Hockey, Basketball, and Wheelchair Rugby. The city has provides therapeutic services, accessible pools, gymnasium, At least once per year a Paralympic event is held at the facility. The center is privately owned in partnership with Fort Wayne. Turnstone was created in the early 2000's.

Alice Krauss stated that Turnstone is the model facility, including Lakeshore.

Dan O'Connor asked Jose if the cost involved was shared with him in his report. Jose stated that he did not get a cost but added that anyone in Fort Wayne could use the facility as long as they register ahead of time. Jose added that Fort Wayne was a public private partnership. Alice Krauss added that there is a revenue stream there as well in adult daycare and pediatric support.

Alice Krauss suggested that everyone check out Turnstone's website. Alice also suggested that the group review Phoenix's Adaptive Recreation Program, which primarily funded by local CIL.

Alice Krauss stated that Orlando has a network of facilities to serve adaptive recreation programming. Jessica Ray stated that Florida is recognized as having premiere facilities and it is important to identify the gaps in service. Alice stated that building a network of facilities because we know there are underserved parts of the community.

Kevin McDaniel to send list of city websites with adaptive programming, the JaxParks.com tool, and list of questions for partners to answer regarding need.

Rebecca Kruck suggested the committee work with Universal Change to discuss the conversion of existing restroom facilities (Sabrina Kimball).

Jessica Ray stated that the snag Special Olympics continues to run into regarding pools is that most are owned by schools and scheduling is difficult. Jessica Ray stated that some populations are underserved in her program in regards to aquatic recreation.



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Kevin McDaniel discussed trail information for accessibility. Kevin McDaniel asked that we work to develop a priority list for marking new trails. Natalie Alden suggested that we prioritize based on use first. Ray Pringle introduced brochures that talk about the accessibility of individual parks and suggested the City develop something similar.

The committee suggested that an Adapt Jax site be reviewed as a possibility to provide accessibility information. The site would include information about the City's parks and trails regarding accessibility. It was suggested that the efforts and information be put in one place/site.

Ray Pringle asked to be copied on communications and questions shared with the council.

Meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

Chair: Ray Pringle Co-Chair: Karen Prewitt
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