



City of Winooski
Vermont's Opportunity City

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Community Services Commission Minutes

5/7/2019 - Minutes

I. Call to Order

Members Present: Mary Hussmann, Erin Barnaby, Courtney Blasius

City Staff Present: Ray Coffey, Olivia Miller, Sarah Franco, Claudia Brown, Alicia Finley, Barb Pitfido

Guests Present: Lauren Chicote (WVPD)

Call to Order by: Mary Hussmann at 6:36 PM

Minutes Recorded by: Erin Barnaby

II. Public Comment

N/A

III. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Tabled to next meeting

IV. City and Department Updates

- Green up day 700 lbs of trash collected!
- Gardens are super busy, plots are nearly full.
- Pool: City Council voted to award contract to Russell Construction. Officially building a pool! Plus, we get a bigger slide- 16 ft! Shovels in the ground by late May/early June, will try to be open by June 2020.
- North End Studios lease is official – will be renting a number of spaces, including the kitchen. Howard Center lease is complete as well. Will have all leases complete by June.

V. Presentation: NRPA 10-Minute Walk Campaign and City's 10-Minute Walk Planning Grant

Presentation by Alicia Finley and Lauren Chicote of WVPD.

- Winooski has ~200 acres of parks and 15 different parks.
- 82% of residents currently meet a park within a half mile standard. Mayor Lott has signed on to 10 Minute Walk Campaign.
- Barriers in the way for safe access which the grant addresses.
- Create inclusive pathways, clear signage in parks, benches and resting spots, levelled sidewalks, lighting and crosswalks, trash cans, doggie bags, etc
- At least one all-inclusive park: ADA compliant (Landry or Gilbrook?)
- Create a park advisory group to answer questions, etc.
- Next steps: getting together a steering committee, RFP for consultant, areas that need access (walk audits, identify barriers, communicate with community members)
- Advisory committee to help get the word out and get people – have a list of community members and organizations to ask

VI. O'Brien Community Center Tour

- VWW lease is very complicated, including a long range amortization schedule to pay back construction costs to VWW. They paid to construct their space and City paying them back with "reduced" rent. Slowly paying down the debt over time. Paid down by 2051. If they leave between now and 2051, we owe them the difference.
- Number of leases have been re-negotiated/are changing
- Will have to be changing the ordinance for fees due to new North End Studios Lease.

VII. Commissioner Debrief from 4/6/19 Winooski Equity Summit

Commissioners briefly discussed their take aways from the Winooski Equity Summit. Courtney expressed that she would have liked to have seen more participants there with a disability, as she was the only person who had a visible disability. Ray informed the group that he was selected to be one of two City staff members who will be part of an on-going group that will meet each week for two hours to follow up on the Summit and plan recommendations for next steps. The group will meet starting on 5/14.

VIII. Recreational Programming Analysis Update: Draft Goal and Objective Review

Tabled to next meeting.

IX. Adjourn

Motion by: Erin Second: Courtney Time: 8:06pm

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