

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019 IN THE CLUBHOUSE AT THE SPRINGHILL LAKE RECREATION CENTER.

The meeting began at 7:50 pm.

Members present were: Dea Zugby, Jamie Krauk, Sherry Burks, Kevin Hammett, Lisa Lake and David Moran, Staff Liaison.

Welcome & Introductions

Jamie welcomed everyone. Lisa read the Community Pledge.

Approval of Minutes

Lisa moved approval of the minutes from March 14, 2019. Kevin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Community Feedback

There was no community feedback.

Lisa raised the concept of a survey of Franklin Park residents. She asked if residents at Franklin Park read the News Review, participate on the Greenbelters group, etc.

Jamie summarized the objectives of a potential survey as being to ask Franklin Park residents do they know where Roosevelt Center is located and do residents here feel connected to the rest of the City.

Lisa stated that with management's cooperation, surveys could be placed in apartment buildings. She also suggested the survey could ask for recommendations to address the problems.

Kevin thought a survey was a good idea. He stated it would need to be done right and done well. Kevin understood the Franklin Park focus.

Dea noted that when she moved into Greenbriar, she did not know where old Greenbelt was located.

CRAB discussed the Community Questionnaire distributed at Election time. It was noted that there was limited voter participation in Franklin Park and limited survey response. David agreed to provide a link to the Questionnaire results.

Sherry expressed the difficulty in getting apartment communities to respond to surveys.

Kevin indicated that the issue of outreach/inclusion of Greenbelt West had been discussed for decades. He noted the major highways that divide the City. Kevin asked if we could identify

community members (like former Franklin Park resident Brian Gibbons) who could help facilitate community participation.

Jamie summarized the next steps on this idea:

1. See what we've already gathered via the Community Questionnaire.
2. Give it some further thought.
3. Wanted to be careful that we don't force engagement on people.

Draft Report on Holiday Decorating Contest

Jamie provided several edits to the Report. Jamie moved to accept the report as edited. Sherry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports from CRAB

Sherry reported that the Grant Review Panel process had gone very well.

David announced the Community Clean-up referral to CRAB.

Kevin suggested the addition of a tree lighting in Franklin Park to the previously approved Report. CRAB added a sentence to the Holiday Decorating Contest Report.

2019 Meeting Schedule

CRAB noted that the next meeting on May 9.

The meeting ended at 9:15 pm.