



Red Wing
Community Education & Recreation

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Community Education Advisory Council Minutes
May 25, 2021
11:00 a.m.

Members present were: Amy Smith, Anna Ostendorf, Anne Jacobson, Calli Eckblad, Daryl Mark, Jake Goering, Kathleen Olson, LaVonne Lommel, Mark Ryan, Maureen Nelson, Dawn Wettertn, Erin Augustin, Maddie Dubois-Clinton, Mikayla Beuch, Brittini Keuhl, and Tonya Roth

1.1 Approve Minutes

Anne Jacobson made a motion to approve the January 26, 2021 meeting minutes, and LaVonne Lommel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Changes to Agenda

None made.

OLD BUSINESS

2.1 Joint Powers Agreement Update – Dawn Wettertn

The previous Joint Powers Agreement and Board has been dissolved between the City of Red Wing and Red Wing Public Schools/Community Education & Recreation. We now have an agreement between the two entities. We will meet twice per year with a few Advisory Council members and City of Red Wing staff members to review the agreement and provide programming updates. This will happen in March and November of each year. Holly Tauer and Jim Bryant from the School Board currently sit on the committee. If you have an interest in sitting in on these meetings let Dawn know.

2.2 CE&R Staffing – Dawn Wettertn

The two staff persons that were put on furlough in response to COVID last spring took other employment in positions outside of CE&R when we were unable to reinstate their positions. We will reassess the Adult programming position in mid-June to July once we see what revenue and other funding looks like. Mikayla Beuch has been hired for the Red Wing Community Recreation Coordinator with those programs gaining a lot of participation and the City opening the Red Wing Water Park this summer.

NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Early Childhood – Brittini Keuhl

Colvill Family Center has been in person for most of the school year and programming is going well. Last week they held a Nature Play day where the students planted flower pots, built bird feeders, and spent a lot of time outside. Next week, Tuesday June 1st, they will hold a drive through Graduation Ceremony on site. This will be a safe and fun way to wrap up the school year. Next school year they will fully implement Creative Curriculum. Enrollment for the fall is going well with some of the classes already having waiting lists. Scholarships have helped kids attend preschool who would normally not have that option. They are planning on offering a satellite

program at Burnside with a childcare component wrapped into it for before and after school care. They hope to have this operating by next school year. Colvill and Kids Junction would be working together to make this program happen for children ages 33 months and older.

3.2 Recreation & Red Wing Water Park – Mikayla Beuch

Mikayla has worked in Red Wing for nearly 5 years as the Aquatic Director at Twin Bluff Middle School Pool, and as the Boys and Girls Swim Coach. She is excited that this new position with Community Recreation lets her continue to be a part of what she loves, which is aquatics and youth sports. We are excited to get kids involved in sports and recreation activities again and the classes are filling up fast. T-ball and Coach Pitch are already full for the summer. The adult softball leagues are running and many are commenting on how happy they are to be active and participating. We started swim lessons at Twin Bluff this spring and they wrapped up this last week. They were very successful and were in high demand. We will try to continue these in the fall, winter and spring.

The Red Wing Water Park has a staff of 42 so far, which is very promising. We are still taking applications so please help to spread the word to any potential lifeguards. Mikayla has the certification to do her own training of staff for the pool. This is a highly beneficial asset. The pool will be open June 9th until August 15th. That is 68 days open, weather permitting. Birthday parties and outside groups are calling in to book the pool.

The City of Red Wing in partnership with RWPS offered the annual \$5 pool pass for children in the school district who qualified for free and reduced lunch. Around 370 passes have been redeemed. The program closed on May 21st. Many families were very thankful for the opportunity.

3.3 Park Naturalists – Erin Augustin & Maddie Dubois-Clinton

Maddie started in April as the new Park Naturalists. She went to college for community recreation and has worked in children's programming at a YMCA. She loves the position so far and enjoys the work that she is doing. The PN program offered an After School Amazing Animals class at Sunnyside and Burnside and the children had a blast. They may offer this again in the fall. There are many summer programs planned in the community for anyone to attend and they are working with individual groups as well. They have partnered with Robin Pagel for programming during Summer School for middle school and high school students. And they will work again this summer with Kids Junction.

As part of the new Joint Powers Agreement with the City, Community Ed&Rec will receive quarterly amounts of the awarded \$25,000 directly for the program and we will report on expenses on a quarterly basis. Other grant money is being sought to continue the programming year round and offer more activities in the winter. We feel we can help to attract tourists into Red Wing during the winter months to take part of the trails and the our scenic nature areas.

Park Naturalists would like to partner with any other businesses in the community, so please contact them with your ideas. They partnered with the City Library to offer explorer packs to be checked out through the Library, They all have all been checked out and have a waiting list to get them. Donations from the community have come in for seven more packs and will be available at the library soon.

The Natural Playground, which began as a project with many volunteers through Live Healthy Red Wing, will be located at Twin Bluff Middle School. The school is raising money for a traditional playground and the natural playground will also be located there. Hopefully it will be set up early this summer if the weather cooperates.

3.4 Youth Programming & Summer Brochure – Erin Augustin

We have many youth enrichment opportunities available this summer such as day camps and three day camps that center on engineering and STEM activities. We have partnerships with KidCreate Studio, Tech Academy, Youth Enrichment League, Camp Invention and other local partners. The August Camp Invention incorporates outdoor play and engineering. Julie Martin's Summer Theatre Intensive will happen again this summer to the joy of our theater kids.

Our current Summer Brochure covers programs in the months of May to August. The SawRise Woodworking classes with Randii Waddell and the KidCreate Splatter Painting classes already have waiting list and they do not take place until late July and August. Youth Mountain Biking with Brian Cashman has 20 kids and we had planned for less than 15. There is a sports camp or open gym for any sport a youth wants to take part in. We have many outdoor education options, such as hikes, birding, pond investigation, and wildflower hikes. There really is something for everyone!

We are planning to publish a printed fall brochure again this year. We may do some direct mailing instead of an insert in the paper. We will also work with the college on how a joint brochure may work again. We feel most people are ready to get back to normal and believe fall classes will be as busy as summer. And we are looking forward to it!

3.5 Summer Lunch Program – Dawn Wettern

Brent Lexvold, Food Service Director, has put together a flyer for free summer meals to 18 yr. olds and under. The meals are free, but families are asked to pre-register. There is no registration deadline, rather pre-registration will allow staff to plan accordingly for the number of meals that will be picked up each week. The distribution will take place on Wednesdays at Twin Bluff School. Kids Junction and Summer Blast will be at TB as well. There are 250 children currently registered for Summer School and around 160 for Kids Junction.

3.6 Advisory Council Membership & Terms – Dawn Wettern

There are openings on the Advisory Council, if you know of anyone who might be interested please let Dawn know. The Council is mandated by the State to meet a minimum of four times per year. The Council is always looking for persons to join who represent culturally diverse communities in Red Wing area. We will work on adding new members over the summer.

3.7 2021/2022 Meeting Dates – Dawn Wettern

We currently meet the 4th Tuesday of each month from 11am to 12:30pm. The Council members were asked if that time still works for everyone, and the vast majority agreed that it did. However, if new members are added they would like to ask them about their availability also.

Members were also asked if they would prefer to begin to meet in person again and all members in attendance agreed. We will plan to meet in person in the Community Ed conference room in September unless something would change in the State guidelines with COVID. We will send out the meeting calendar for the 2021/2022 school year sometime the end of June.

COMMUNITY SHARING

MN State College Southeast is open and they are back on track for Fall Semester. Marsha Danielson will be the new President of both Red Wing and Winona campuses.

<https://www.southeastmn.edu/>

ArtReach has some classes starting back up now and they will add more during the summer. Anna is currently in Tennessee hiking parts of the Appalachian Trail!

<https://artreachredwing.org/>

The Library will go back to regular hours M, T, W till 7pm. They are currently in discussions about wearing masks. Summer reading is starting for adults and children, mostly online but there will be some paper forms as well.

<https://redwing.lib.mn.us/>

Bells of the Bluffs Handbell Ensemble will hold a concert on Wed June 2nd at 7pm at Central Park Bandshell.

<https://bellsofthebluffs.org/>

United Way will have an AmeriCorp volunteer working with them to implement the Blue Bookshelf program this summer. These shelves offer books that children can take home with them. They will host reading events happening in the community.

<https://www.uw-gwp.org/>

Downtown Main Street will be at the Aces Game on May 28th, it is *Christmas in May* to promote the Holiday Stroll.

<http://downtownredwing.org/>

Fare for All

FFA Red Wing (INDOOR sale)

When: Tue, June 1, 4pm – 6pm

Where: St Joseph catholic church, 435 W 7th St, Red Wing, MN 55066, USA ([map](#))

Description: Sale will take place in the parking lot. ALL are welcome, regardless of if you're in a vehicle. **A mask/face covering is REQUIRED** while interacting with our team. Credit, debit, or EBT payments preferred, cash accepted. No checks.

<https://fareforall.thefoodgroupmn.org/>

Red Wing Area Mutual Aid Community Pantries

“Take what you need. Share what you can. Free and available to all.”

For more information 651-212-5440 or rwmutualaid@gmail.com

Locations:

[1201 South Park Street](#)

[437 East 7th Street](#)

[515 Green Street](#)

[521 Maple Street](#)

[979 Burton Street](#)

[875 Snowbird Drive](#)

Red Wing Food Shelf

Tuesdays and Thursdays 4-6pm, Friday 11am-1pm

[1755 Old West Main Street, Red Wing](#)

<http://www.redwingfoodshelf.org/>

Little Free Library in Red Wing

<https://littlefreelibrary.org/ourmap/>

In need of books for adult readers.

Locations:

[2946 Lake Street](#)

[1729 Red Fox Drive](#)

[1510 West 7th Street](#)

[722 W Fifth Street](#)

[425 Plum Street](#)

[464 10th Street](#)

[1150 East Ave](#)

[617 Locust Street](#)

The meeting adjourned at 12:06pm. The next meeting will be held on September 28, 2021 in person in J108 of Red Wing High School from 11am-12:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Tonya Roth