

**Tukwila Pool Advisory Committee**  
**Tukwila Community Center Social Hall**

**Minutes**

**September 4, 2013**

**FINAL**

Call to Order: 7:05 Dave Puki

Attendance: De'Sean Quinn, Kay Mulliner, Stephanie Gardner, Dave Puki, Vanessa Zaputil, Jeri Frangello-Anderson, and Allan Ekberg

Approval of August 7, 2013 minutes, Vanessa made motion to accept the August 7, 2013 minutes with no corrections and Jeri Frangello-Anderson seconded.

Business Items:

1. **Safety and Hygiene discussion:** Dave asked if any implementation for safety and hygiene would be part of the week long closure of the pool. Stephanie indicated that she had no new updates. Dave made mention that this year seems to be more children's standing on the benches in the locker room and that this appears to be an accident waiting to happen since these benches are very slick. Dave indicated that he had the opportunity to visit the Evergreen pool this last week and noticed that Evergreen had signs posted in the locker room indicating the standing on the benches is can result in serious injuries. Vanessa asked if there is a better way for us to get this message to staff and the board. Kay indicated that she had talked with Amy about the handicap shower and how the floor slopes and is very slick. Kay also mentioned that during the week closure they would be applying an acid wash to the floors to help rough up the surface. Vanessa asked what would be TPAC's best approach to address these issues besides what is presented in the minutes. Allen suggested that we should possibly present a punch list of items. De'Sean will talk with staff about current punch list items that have been brought up by TPAC and will follow up with responses to TPAC.
2. **2014 Programming Presentation and Fees review:** As of the August MPD meeting board recommend no fee increase. Dave asked the question of why we couldn't increase the fee to help cover the additional cost of operating the pool. Vanssa pointed out an interesting fact about classes in comparison with other pools for non-residents. Discussion was had about a 2% increase in fees to help plan for upcoming expenditures. De'Sean indicated that TPAC can always bring a recommendation to the board regarding the rate increases. TPAC understand the difficulty with raising rates for citizens, but would like to look at the possibility of raising rates for non-residents. Dave made a point about of how everybody should look at the pool as a

business and how we can succeed. TPAC to work thru email to work out the recommendation for the board

- 3. Forming Partnership with other Municipal Pools and Advisory Boards:** Dave presented a list of private membership pools in the area and Vanessa presented a list of forward thrust pools including the YMCA. Looking at these pools with an action plan of how we can get the community involved with the Tukwila Pool. Each pool offers different community involvement, like BBQ's , fundraising events etc.. These pools are in close proximity to the Tukwila Pool with similar geographics. With this list of pools this is the direction that we would like to take the pool to the next step to involve the community and enthusiasm. De'Sean mentioned that it might work best to break out by categories, for example what programs they offer, what are some of the things that are being offered by these pools that we would like to see offered. Vanessa did mention that touring the pools would be a good idea for next summer. Vanessa also mentioned that Des Moines is also planning a tour of a pool tour and we could possibly piggy back on to their tour. Vanessa to follow up with Gene at the Tukwila Pool. TPAC to look over the list and make a list of pools that we wish to follow.

De'Sean exited meeting at 8:00

- 4. Marketing and Advertising:** Vanessa asked if there had been any further Marketing Meetings, Stephanie indicated that her an Amy had just discussed putting together a meeting in the next couple of weeks now that summer is winding down. Discussion around how to get local businesses involved and possibly sponsor swims or to help raise funds for the scholarship fund. Vanessa brought up a very good point that being a business owner there are a few questions that will arise that will need to be answered. Tracking of the current scholarship program would be very helpful in helping to market to local business to help them understand what their money and time would be going for. It would be great to know that this amount of money went to helping kids get in the pool for the first time and where they advanced in the program, how much money was used for lessons and how many lessons. Stephanie indicated that we should put together a list of questions and answers TPAC would require to market the scholarship program to De'Sean that he could ask staff for tracking records. With this tracking information TPAC can then request guidance from the board on the direction that is needed. Vanessa mentioned that we can check the Parks and Recreation regarding the current policy in place for advertising.
- 5. Customer Feedback:** Vanessa met with staff on Tuesday to review all the comment cards submitted by patrons from the comment box. 14 comment cards were presented, with one comment asking for a response. TPAC decided that Vanessa would be the person to respond back to the recipient with a response regarding drinks at the pool, Kay indicated that the pool

does offer water for sale at the front desk. Staff responded to the various issues, Amy asked if she could receive the report matrix prior to the TPAC meeting so there is a chance for staff to respond. TPAC agreed that there was no serious issues that need to be presented.

6. Alan Ekberg brought up the Swimsuit need for the Foster High School swim program that was presented by Verna via email. Vanessa indicated that she had responded to Verna's email asking what the need was? How many need swimsuits? Dave also asked the question of how many of these kids don't know how to swim? Unfortunately due to the time constraint TPAC has had no time to try to come up with any fundraising for swimsuits.

Agenda Items 6 and 7 moved to next TPAC meeting October 2, 2013

Vanessa made motion to adjourn, Jeri seconded.

Meeting adjourned 8:35

Next Meeting: October 2, 2013