

YMCA DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 7, 2016

Present: Eric Heller, Vice-Chairman; Rebecca Johnson, Secretary; Jordan Fisher, Treasurer; Warren Hassinger; Yvonne Perez; Tracy Shelton; City of Rockport Mayor Pro Tem, Pat Rios.

Guests: Bruce Harper (*The Rockport Pilot* reporter).

Absent: Brian Olsen, Chairman.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 21, 2016, at 5:30 PM

Council Chambers at Rockport City Hall, 622 E. Market Street, Rockport, Texas.

1. Call meeting to order.

The meeting of the YMCA Development Committee was held at the Rockport City Hall, 622 E. Market Street, Rockport, Texas, on March 7, 2016. Vice-Chairman Eric Heller called the meeting to order at 5:37 PM, after announcing the presence of a quorum.

2. Citizens to be heard.

Jeanette Larson, resident of Rockport at 185 Heron Oaks, addressed the Committee and urged the City to not give away the pool. She does not want to have to join the YMCA to use the pool and would like the YMCA and the pool to be kept separate.

3. Deliberate and act on approval of Committee meeting minutes of February 22, 2016.

Vice Chairman Heller addressed the February 22, 2016, minutes as an agenda item. Tracy Shelton requested the addition to the minutes of the discussion from the last meeting regarding the fact that some foundations may not award grants to the YMCA based on the ownership of the land and building by the City of Rockport, particularly Dell Foundation. Tracy Shelton made the motion accept the minutes with this addition, Jordan Fisher seconded the motion, and the vote to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

4. TABLED: Hear and deliberate on a presentation from Teal Construction concerning an offer of assistance.

Discussion occurred about the tabled agenda item. Since no one has had communication with Teal Construction, contact will be made by Rebecca Johnson to determine continued interest in the project. Rebecca Johnson made a motion to keep the item tabled, Warren Hassinger seconded the motion and the vote passed unanimously.

5. Hear and deliberate questions and comments regarding the Community Aquatic & Skate Park, the Friends of the Pool, and the YMCA Development Committee.

See attached list of questions and answers discussed in the meeting. The typed responses are from Mayor Pro Tem Pat Rios.

6. Deliberate on educational programs as created by the committee.

Rebecca Johnson presented a preliminary plan for the educational programs to be considered for the Rockport YMCA. This agenda item will be discussed and expanded further in future meetings.

7. Deliberate on creation of policy and procedure for promotional materials and social media contacts.

Vice Chairman Eric Heller will follow up with media contacts to inquire about promotional and social media services such as a Facebook page and website creation and maintenance.

8. Deliberate and act on next meeting date and time.

Deliberation of the next meeting set the next meeting for Monday, March 21, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at Rockport City Hall, 622 E. Market Street, Rockport, Texas.

9. Adjournment.

Tracy Shelton made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Jordan Fisher seconded the motion, and the vote passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Approved by:



Brian Olsen, Chairman

Diana Leonard

From: Rosemary Vieux <rosemaryvx@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 29, 2016 6:34 PM
To: Diana Leonard
Subject: YMCA & Community Pool Att; Diana Leonard

Concerns of the Friends of the Pool requesting discussion of these issues:

Is this proposal up for a referendum why and/or why not? There appears to be a major conflict between a private enterprise and a Public "Service"

No, the 2007 bond terms call for monies to be spent on a "community facility."

What is the relationship between the city and YMCA?

The City would contact with the YMCA to manage the facility.

- has the YMCA been presented to the Public and explained in detail, concerning:
- price of the building and land/ price of the pool: **Yes**
- price of: furnishing the equipment: **Yes**
- membership costs for single, couple, family and for winter Texans; tourists; and -citizens from other nearby communities do visitors have to join

There are membership categories to address the costs.

- who is paying and planning for after school programs? **YMCA**
- what happens to the Kiddy pool? **Remains**
- what happens to the Sharks **No change**

How many people will be needed to make the project financially possible? **800 memberships**

Where and how will this building sit on the land/ and specifically where will the footprint be? who owns the land?

Footprint is on the city website; the City of Rockport owns the land.

Safety concerns in local with the fueling station: **N/A**
Are the numbers here for keeping the pool functioning within the Y ?
If it cannot support itself, what happens and who is responsible?

The pool is currently is a negative cash flow.

lower income families? **Yes**

What will be the impact on Paws and Taws; health clubs and gyms? **No effect on Paws and Taws.**

When will the tree committee be involved?

When the building permit is applied for.

Rosemary Vieux, secretary of FOP rosemaryyx@gmail.com

Answers provided by Mayor Pro Tem, Pat Rios.

To: YMCA Committee, Chair Brian Olsen

Will there be consideration for reduced fees for Rockport residents? **No.**

Will there be a "pool only" membership?

In consideration now; comparing rates.

If the city is no longer paying to operate the pool, will our property taxes see a commensurate reduction?

No; still working on options.

Will the Y's pool schedule include adult use time? The main focus of much of the Y's activities are on youth and education but Rockport has a huge senior population with few activities specifically for that age group.

Yes, the YMCA is open to all members of the community and its use is predicated on participants. The current proposed programs are a result of community survey.

Is it appropriate for the city to support a business (the Y) that competes with other local health clubs?

The YMCA would be contracted to manage facilities and membership.

If the city (and Fulton and the county) residents are going to lose their community pool (even partially) shouldn't they have more say, maybe even a vote, on this?

The pool is not being lost; one of the desired results is to save the pool and it gets more expensive.

What opportunities will there be for early involvement of the Parks Board, Pool Committee, and other constituent groups? Are public hearings planned?

The YMCA meetings are open and advertised to the public. Results are posted on City website. Meetings are held every other Monday.

outcomes? Does the city lose all rights to the building we partially paid for and the pool?

No; city always retains ownership. YMCA leases facilities.

I understand that the Rockport Y would be a branch of the Corpus Christi Y. Would it be self-sustaining as a branch? Who would fund the reduced membership fees for low-income families? Would those subsidies come from the fees paid by full members?

Yes, the YMCA has budgeted for approximately \$50,000 of scholarships in the first year. YMCA Coastal Bend uses a sliding scale based on income and size of household.

Will the final architect and contractor be selected competitively by an open process? Plans, architecture and engineering are donated.

Construction will be a bid process.

What will happen to current pool employees, including the water aerobics instructors?

Hopefully, they will choose to stay on as YMCA employees.

Will there be any membership plans that are "male only" (as there currently are in the Coastal Bend Y)?

No.

Would the agreement between Rockport and the Y include Fulton and the County or will they need to be compensated for their loss of ownership of the pool?

No loss of ownership; no loss of revenue.

Do you know how many people are interested in purchasing a Y membership?

No, not at this time.

Jeanette Larson

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