

**Community Center Authority  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
January 8, 2019 at 4:00pm**

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**Present:** Mayor Brad Eales, Christy Marker, Nate Williams, Dr. Dan Hoehn, Tray Harkins, and Kim McElwee.

**Absent:** Doug Richey.

**Also Present:** Community Center Director Jesse Hall, Facility Supervisor Brittanie Propes, Mayor Pro-Tem Sharon Powell, City Manager Molly McGovern, Kimberely Blackburn and Authority Secretary Susan Conyers.

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1. **Approval of Minutes of October 9, 2018:** Nate Williams motioned to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2018 meeting. Christy Marker seconded. Motion approved.
  
2. **Discussion - Updates on Community Center & Events:** Brittanie Propes, Community Center Facility Supervisor gave updates of the Community Center and discussed upcoming events. The center continues their partnerships with insurance groups to provide various fitness programs such as Silver Sneakers, Silver & Fit, and AARP's At Your Best.  
  
Nate Williams, Director of Parks and Recreation explained how Golf, Parks & Rec, and the Community Center have put together a Millennial Marketing Team to market leisure and sports to millennials. They would like to see a rise in female participants and the younger demographic. They will be offering a golf clinic and E-Sports tournament.
  
3. **Discussion - Phase II:** Jesse Hall, Community Center Director has he and his staff looking at successful establishments and determining what makes the difference. They continue to learn from the competition to improve.
  
4. **Discussion - Community Foundation:** Jesse Hall discussed a community foundation and the positive aspects of creating one, such as; permanence, simplicity, flexibility, tax benefits, community impact, recognition and anonymity, and cost effectiveness.
  
5. **Discussion – Aquatic Update:** Brittanie Propes said the Aquatics Program Assistant position has been filled. The center will be adding new programs and water classes. The center is continuing their swim lessons for all 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students in the Excelsior Springs school district. There will also be adaptive lessons offered for those with special needs.
  
6. **Discussion – Fitness Update:** Brittanie also updated the group that the Fitness Manager position is open and they are taking applications. The center also currently has

someone on staff that is certified to teach tai chi, pre-natal yoga, and pre-natal fitness classes. Fit Middle School begins again on January 14<sup>th</sup> for the middle schoolers. The adult basketball league is starting, with 4 teams signed up so far. The center also has a new intern that will be teaching classes.

7. **Discussion – Seed to Table:** Jesse has been presented with an idea for students to plant a garden. The center currently has staff members on hand that are master gardeners that can guide those students. It was also suggested that the produce be offered at the Farmer’s Market.
8. **Discussion – Looking Ahead to 2024:** Jesse Hall explained the staff’s 5 year continuous plan. The employees continue to be better and strive for excellence.
9. **Comments:** Dr. Dan Hoehn commented that 100 to 150 of their high school students are of voting age. Kim Sanson asked about a Community Foundation. Molly McGovern explained it can include other foundations and can be as broad as we want it to be. Jesse Hall elaborated by saying other groups can be housed within the Community Foundation, and donors can specify how they would like their donation spent. A board would need to be created.
10. **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 4:57 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 4:00 pm.

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Susan Conyers, Authority Secretary