

ARC Public Board Meeting Minutes

Date: March 21st, 2024

Time: 12:00-12:45PM

Location: ARC Office and Zoom

Attendance: Caitlen Pontrella (President), Morgin Morris (Treasurer), Judy Tangen (Secretary), Fawzi Belal, Angela Bishop, Michael Cuadra, Kyle Serikawa, Luz Iniguez, Rachel Ligtenberg, Pam Vaughn

ARC Staff: Jackie Jainga-Hyllseth (Executive Director), Ashley Miller, John Bray, Sebastian Wilson

SPR Staff: Brian Judd

Visitors: Wenting Zhao, Mike Palefau

Meeting called to order:

- Caitlin welcomed everyone.
- Kyle gave our land acknowledgement.
- Caitlin highlighted meeting norms.
- Our visitors/potential new board members were introduced.
 - Mike Palefau
 - Wenting Zhao.
- The vote to approve our agenda and January minutes was unanimous.

SPR Update:

- Brian Judd, interim Recreation Director gave highlights.
 - Seattle mentors' program is getting applications already from people interested in mentoring youth.
 - Swim Seattle is expanding pool time.
 - Estimate 500 people will be served.
 - SPR is grateful for ARC's support of Swim Seattle.
 - Leadership update:
 - Lakema Bell is new Deputy Director of Recreation.
 - She will work in partnership with Brian.
 - SPR is close to approval of new contract for their workers.
 - Brian highlighted that many summer jobs with ARC have led to employment with SPR.

ARC Update:

- Jackie thanked Brian for working with her in their new relationship.
- ARC will be hiring youth for YAW.
 - 14 young people who want to work in our summer childcare programs.
 - This is a pathway for these young people to work anywhere in the State of Washington for the Department of Children, Youth and Families childcare programs.
- ARC is in the process of helping create a City-Wide Youth Council.

- The council will be modeled after the Advisory Councils.
- Youth will be given a stipend for being involved.
- They will be able to advise on Parks citywide and the mayor's initiatives.
- Hoping for June activation of Youth Council.
- Upcoming events:
 - Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be hosted by Jefferson Community Center on April 5th from 5PM – 7:30PM.
 - There will be food trucks.
 - Activities.
 - Awards.
 - Highlight SPARC partnership.
 - Emceed by Ashley and Lakima.
 - AP Diaz, SPR Superintendent, will be there.
 - Encourage all Board members to attend.
 - Fund the Fun Breakfast.
 - April 30th at the Sheraton Grand Hotel.
 - Breakfast fundraiser is free.
 - Board members are encouraged to bring friends and family.
 - Tables can be reserved.
 - Greater and Greener Conference.
 - We have two tickets from Greater and Greener to attend the 3 day conference.
 - Caitlin and Fawzi will attend.
 - Board members can also volunteer to work at the Conference.
- ARC Board Updates:
 - Caitlin reviewed Board recruitment.
 - April and May will have applications on our website.
 - Priority needs:
 - Legal.
 - Financial
 - Public Relations.
 - Fundraising.
 - Interviews will follow.
 - Plan to present a slate of candidates in June.
 - May require a special session of the Board.
 - Planning a Town Hall virtual meeting highlighting Board Service.
 - Will review Board member commitments.
 - Caitlin will send out more information to the Board to help with recruitment.
- Action/Vote:
 - Luz brought to the Board the following resolution:
 - “Be it resolved that money raised from the 2024 Fund the Fun event go towards supporting the Swim Seattle Initiative which is a concerted effort to

remove barriers to learning to swim and to eradicate disproportionate drownings among youth of color.”

- The resolution was approved unanimously.
- Public ARC Board meeting adjourned at 12:45PM