

Friends of Edgewood Recreation Center

Monthly Meeting

Edgewood Recreation Center

Monday, March 3rd, 2010

7 pm



Roll Call and Introductions—Michael J. Henderson, Director, Darlene Jones, Director, Secretary, Sally Hobaugh, Director, Treasurer, Silas H. Grant, Jr., ANC5C09.

Website: www.friendsofedgeswoodrecreationcenter.org;

Overview and Mission – Michael Henderson, Sally Hobaugh—Increase outreach, awareness, and use of the Edgewood Recreation Center; support the rec center staff; rec center becomes more of a community center used by people of all ages

Brainstorming activities and fund raising – Commissioner Grant said partner agents are good; others said it also takes time to get non-profit status; Council just filed motion that money must go to 501c3; we can partner with other groups; other friends of groups often do their own fund raisers; Sally mentioned the Edgewood sticker (bumper sticker/ fund raiser); Silas said we are always either Brookland or Eckington, need more Edgewood identity; Tim said real estate agents sell homes as Brookland; he also has a template for t-shirts; others mentioned bake sales; car washes; Darlene said we could ask the kids what they want; (invite the kids to a meeting); after school study hall already occurs at rec center; other programs in place now include girl and boys groups; feeding kids snack after school; foosball and ping pong tables; once you get kids in you can



branch off and develop other activities; 3:30-5:30 is enrichment; Beacon House works closely with Shaed and Noyes Education Campus; Darlene asked why can't the office have TV cameras focus outside; Rodney said no rec centers have TV monitors (prohibitive expense); group discussion also talked about this being a family community; three communities come to this one rec center; over eight thousand flyers were sent out talking about the rec center being open and the Friends of Edgewood Recreation Center meetings; Jenifer K. asked about the seniors; Tim said what about weights for young folks; Silas said we should invite someone from DPR to come to our next meeting; can there be programs for seniors in the mornings; if DPR opens the building a 9 am that might be a good time for seniors; at some centers they watch movies, play checkers; bingo night; dances; Jennifer said we could expand some of the activities occurring outside; kids could make things; art work can be on walls that changes out every week/month; after 3:30 is when the young kids would come in; kids could do a daily newspaper; announcement board/bulletin board; flyers could be handed out by the kids; Frank Braxton said there was a task force that met a couple years ago and some members might want to join our efforts; Frank mentioned Danny Robinson and possibly naming the rec center after him; a resident said he is willing to help out, volunteer time and talent; Sheila said she started a children's class – first with 6 kids to start – teachers and substitutes come every Saturday; it has expanded to 16 kids each Saturday; they now have trained teachers; now splitting the group into two groups; between ages 1 and 14; she would love to use this space on Saturday mornings; 11 – 1; she is of course flexible; Sally will show her how to reserve the rec center online; Darlene asked about having a website; Sally has already built it:

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Jennifer asked about reserving picnic areas; Sally said we can reserve picnic areas online; Sally said if there are more than ten people you are supposed to have a permit; Darlene asked about adult supervision and safety; there are staff here on the weekends – 11 - 4; Sheila asked if we have to have gates, and she



would prefer open access for our kids since there is so little park space; also DPR will be cleaning up the area at the center; Silas said DPR can speak with us about clean ups etc; Michael will forward the letter of support we need form the ANC to partner with Department of Parks and Recreation to Commissioner Grant; the letter is needed asap.

Sally asked who is passionate about what area and would like to volunteer to chair/ spearhead that activity; Darlene and Sheila will spearhead youth;

Seniors – we can put the word out to have a meeting just for seniors; Silas suggested a mixer/grand opening; he will spearhead and Jennifer will also be an assistant

So far our fund raiser is the stickers for now; Frank Braxton said he would like to donate to the Friends; Mixer will be maybe mid April;

Sally said there are a lot of things we can do but we have to figure out how to do it, who will volunteer time, etc

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Michael J Henderson, Director

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