**MRPA Programming Section Meeting**

Friday, January 15, 2021 | Zoom Conference Call

AGENDA

Meeting was called to order by Jacob at 10:01am. Approval of Minutes: 1st Meredith, 2nd Stephanie and Jasmine

Additions to the Agenda: None

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| Jacob Anderson, Brooklyn Center | Aaron Thelen, New Hope |
| Maddy Champa, Golden Valley | Stacy Chouinard, Crystal |
| Sandy Jansen, Chaska | Erin Augustine, Red Wing Community Education |
| Tim Torrelson, Owatonna | Mark Schneider, Shakopee |
| Jamie Anderson, Bemidji | Natalie Anderson, Elk River |
| Deb Weinreis, MRPA | Bri Anderson, Rogers |
| Nathan Timmons, Oakdale | Meredith Lawrence, Mendota Heights |
| Sara Armstrong, Washington County Parks | Liz Malloy |
| Janelle Crossfield, Brooklyn Center | Stephanie Schutta, Shoreview |
| Jasmine Ellingson, Eden Prairie | Dani Licht, Owatonna |
| Jen Graham, Fridley | Lisa Abernathy, St. Louis Park |
| Sam Murphey, West St. Paul | Kelly Distad |
| Kylie Rondeu, Plymouth | Josh Thygesen, Rosevile |
| Kelsey Coy, Prior Lake | Jessica Christianson Buck – Corcoran |
| Corrie Scott | Carissa Goebel, Brooklyn Center |
| Gina Robinette, Roseville | Sue Bohsack, Eden Prairie |
| Shea Lawrence, Brooklyn Center | Chelsea Swiggum, Inver Grove Heights |
| Mike Ramirez, Brooklyn Park | Alex Sobieck |

If you are not listed as attending the meeting, please contact Aaron Thelen at [athelen@newhopemn.gov](mailto:athelen@newhopemn.gov)

* **COVID-19 Discussions (Masks with Medical Note, Policies, Situation)**
  + Crystal – For adult leagues face masks are required but if there is a medical reason they are required to use a shield, and if they can’t wear a shield they can’t play.
* **Winter 2021 Programs**
  + **Outdoor Programs (XC Skiing, Snowshoeing, Executive order restrictions for outdoor recreations)**
    - Shakopee – partnered with Carver County Parks to offer Kicksledding, Snowshoeing and planning on moving forward since it’s outdoors
    - Fridley – modified Winter Fest with Nature Center, kept the medallion hunt, kept snowshoeing, added passport experience with each of their 17 parks with different on your own crafts/activities. On back of signs at park there is a QR code that they’ll scan and receive more details. Once Fridley receives 5 submissions from 1 email they’ll receive a congrats email with their swag bag.
    - Oakdale -has snowshoe rentals M-F (when they have staff still working in office) for $5 at the nature preserve. The building is closed to public through January, but people can call and reserve pairs, and call again when they arrive, and they will let them in to get snowshoe rentals/pay.
    - Shoreview – will start renting snowshoes out, and will also do a fitness challenge at one of their parks which is free
    - New Hope – Family Activity Kits which are rented out for 2 week increments then when they are returned it will be cleaned/sanitized. Various kits available include Snowshoes and winter sleds, Backyard Games, or Craft Kits. They also partner with Three Rivers Park District to offer Snowshoeing or Moon Walk classes but these are limited to a certain number of households.
    - Eden Prairie – Winter Snowtime is taking place on Saturday at outdoor center with free ice fishing, cross country skiing
    - Plymouth - running an outdoor adventure program and they are also running the middle school ski and snowboard club in the winter
  + **Black History Month Programs**
    - None
* **Summer 2021**
  + **Registration Dates**
    - Shoreview – Typically open registration in March for playground programs but they are moving back to April now, and they are also doing an early May registration for other programs
    - New Hope – Typically early march but mid March instead
    - Chaska – Normally on March 1st but they’ll keep the same and will decrease max capacity
    - Shakopee – Will remain the same and opening registration week of March 15
    - Oakdale – Will keep registration the same. Spring newsletter heads to mailboxes at end January, Summer newsletter is in April
  + **Camp Programming**
    - Plymouth – 15 kids per playground then will open more registration if governor allows
    - Chaska – Normal max is 30 but now they’ll do 20 kids and see what happens if they need to adjust age groups
    - Shoreview – Current order says 15 max for classes and then hoping we can increase numbers. Last summer they went up to 25 and are hoping for more but for now they’ll stick with 15
    - Brooklyn Park – Plan as normal summer but have a plan A and plan B
  + **Teen Trips/Field Trips**
    - Shoreview – Trying to offer field trips but destinations are unable to book right now so it’s been hard to book
    - Roseville – Same issue even with places that are open currently but they don’t want to book and overcrowd. Playground programs ran in 2020 and are planning for 2021 again, but instead dividing between 2 areas at the park
    - Plymouth – Same issue with bussing for field trips
    - Shakopee – Question, for Plymouth how is your communication with indoor groups on ski club?
      * Plymouth - Currently down to 100 kids instead of 250 kids but are told not to linger for eating and must social distance, so once they finish eating they need to go back outside.
    - Fridley – No field trips, but instead bring in on site entertainment and activities but still fine tuning the details
  + **Leagues – Pickleball, Kickball, Disc Golf**
    - Shakopee – Started indoor adult volleyball league, and they will have to wear a mask entire time during games, and they must register to play so not drop in.
    - Prior Lake – Planning for sand volleyball, and few others, but will put disclaimers in that COVID guidelines may change
* **Anything else?** 
  + Inver Grove Heights Question –Normal Daddy/Daughter dance in February but won’t be offering this year, so anyone have alternative ideas?
    - Fridley **–** Kits that will include music list with QR code, crafts to do, photo frame and some sort of prepackaged dessert, then schedule 15 minute increments to do a photo op. Another idea – Puppy Surprise with fun kits related to dogs for adults/dogs
    - How are you packaging items for crafts or activities?
      * Fridley – Purchase bags from Dollar Store
      * Chaska – Purchase bags from Dollar Store or dollar buckets. Discount School Supply Store also has options
  + Shakopee – Anyone doing Senior programming?
    - Eden Prairie – Building is still closed so right now just many virtual programs (coffee with a cop, landmark tours). Doing a valentine drive thru (chocolate, flowers, goodies, trying to get sponsors). Numbers are lower than a normal in person programs but we are getting some registrations!
  + Oakdale - Partners with KidCreate Studio for take home art kits! We promote, pick up the kits from KidCreate and then parents come pick them up curbside at our building. Call when they arrive and bring out to them. Includes all supplies and link to virtual lesson: <https://apm.activecommunities.com/oakdalemn/Activity_Search/kidcreate-studio-at-home-art-kits/1994>
  + Elk River – Doing in person and virtual programs right now for seniors
  + Prior Lake – Planning to reopen senior center on 2/2 and fitness classes with limited capacity
  + Brooklyn Park – Offering limited in person fitness classes, and virtual programs offered as well.
* **MRPA Updates** 
  + **MRPA Connections Facebook Page**
  + **Document Repository**
  + **Deb MRPA and Board** – Annual Conference Committee meeting was yesterday, so request for proposals will be coming soon. New Board members will have an orientation at the end of this month. Annual general meeting was last week. Softball tournament is scheduled and planning for regular season but also creating Plan A and Plan B.
  + **MRPF** – Mike Ramirez said annual general meeting will be at 9am on January 20th. If you are interested in joining or getting involved you can still join.
* Upcoming Programming Section meeting is on February 19, 2021 via Zoom

Jacob adjourned the meeting at 10:42am.

**Adjourned**