

MRPA Programming Section Meeting

Friday, March 19, 2021 | Zoom Conference Call

AGENDA

Meeting was called to order by Jacob at 10:06am. Approval of Minutes: 1st Tonya Love, 2nd Ali Lukin

Additions to the Agenda: Janelle - Upcoming Listening Sessions, Lisa – MRPF New Initiative Grant

Jacob Anderson, Brooklyn Center	Aaron Thelen, New Hope
Angie Barstad, Prior Lake	Kelsey Coy, Prior Lake
Brad Harrington	Katie Everett, Vadnais Heights
Rachel Mikel, Inver Grove Heights	Nicole Gorman, Edina
Mark Schneider, Shakopee	Janelle Crossfield, Brooklyn Center
Ali Lukin, New Brighton	Andrea Kaliger, Eden Prairie
Tonya Love, Elk River	Gina Robinette, Roseville
Jenny Davis	Sandy Jansen, Chaska
Nicole Weedman	Alyssa Olson, Isanti
Lisa Abernathy, St. Louis Park	Sue Bohnsack, Eden Prairie
Jasmine Ellingson, Eden Prairie	Samantha Murphy, West St. Paul
Carson Law, Wright County	Corrie Scott, Big Lake
Maddy Champa, Golden Valley	Bob, Albert Lea
Priya Tandon	Jamie Anderson, Bemidji
Shannon Young, South St. Paul	Holly Kauffhold, Victoria
Ann Davy, Minnetonka	Amanda Clarke, Edina
Nathan Timmons, Oakdale	Jesse Izquierdo, Minnetonka
Nick Thompson, Apple Valley	Kiley Rondeau, Plymouth
Megan Lidd, Duluth	Paul Pearson
Marci, St. Cloud	

If you are not listed as attending the meeting, please contact Aaron Thelen at athelen@newhopemn.gov

- **Janelle – Upcoming MRPA Listening Sessions**
 - Upcoming resource network information was sent out recently to get feedback on MRPA Networks. Here is the link to the survey if you are interested in providing feedback: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094aa8aa2da7fc1-mrpa1>
- **COVID-19 Vaccine and Program Impact** (Vaccine Requirement, Program Impacts for Summer). It was mentioned that as of now all Parks and Recreation staff have been approved to get the vaccine. Is anyone requiring staff to get the vaccine and how does this new order affect Summer programming?
 - Wright County – No staff is required to get vaccine. Programs aren't requiring vaccines for participants either, but we'll follow current governor's guidelines.
 - Brooklyn Center – We do not have staff requirements for vaccines either. At this time it is available for only staff that is on payroll but not for summer seasonals yet.
 - Question - Are you having seasonal staff vaccinated? Or are Park Staff?

- Roseville – Currently giving part-time (dance, gymnastics) ability to get vaccine, but they are looking at age of staff to qualify. Not sure on summer staff yet. Yes it's available for full time maintenance staff, but part-time seasonal park staff they are unsure at this time.
- **Safety Plans / Preparedness Plans** (Done per program or for the department, do you post online or how it is available for the public?) How are these posted to the public?
 - Elk River – Plans are done by area, so Senior Center, Recreation, Summer Concerts each have a plan. Currently posting them on the website, but willing to send them via email to people if they want it.
 - Eden Prairie – Posted on buildings, kept in binders in offices. Following current governor's guidelines.
 - Vadnais Heights – Posted on website. Kept plans general for Recreation as a whole, but for individual programs a letter is sent with more details on specific classes beforehand.
 - St. Louis Park – There is a general one for City but specific plans are created for each program and those are provided to each of the program participants beforehand. All plans are following governor's guidelines.
- **Summer Events – Under the new order** (4th of July/Town Events, Any changes to existing plans, Decision dates for cancellations). How has new order affected Summer programs/classes?
 - Chanhassen – The City's July 4th event will be decided on April 14th based on guidelines/capacity/mask mandates.
 - Question – How are you approaching masks for outdoor events/programs?
 - Big Lake – Farmers Market last year we had any staff and vendors required to wear masks but participants were only recommend. This Summer we'll probably do the same again.
 - Vadnais Heights – Will probably be asking people to wear masks. Our seasonal staff won't enforce but will recommend masks.
 - Question – Are you requiring youth to wear masks outdoors?
 - Shakopee – No masks required for youth outdoors, but staff will be required to have one on hand if 6 feet can't be maintained they need to wear mask.
 - Wright County – A few programs we have increased maximum sizes but for the most part we have kept numbers around 15-20 for programs.
 - Question – Are you following indoor/outdoor guidelines for programs, which guideline are you following?
 - Wright County – Outdoor we are following DNR guidelines, so 25 per pod outdoors, 50 outdoors if they have enough staff.
 - New Brighton – We are following indoors guidelines so pods of 15 when our programs our outside, then if need to go inside we can accommodate for weather concerns.
 - Question – Is anyone offering Safety Camp?
 - New Brighton – Yes planning to offer camp this summer.
 - Eden Prairie – Yes planning to offer camp this year. For those that registered last year and we had to cancel they will receive prior registration for Day 1 this year, then Day 2 is open for new registrations. Limited to 60 then split in groups of 10-15.

- Prior Lake – Not doing Fire Safety as directed by Fire Department so not doing Safety Camp this year.
- New Hope – Planning to offer Safety Camp and are currently taking registrations. Normally groups of 25 but will do groups of 10-15 this year.
- St. Louis Park – Normally Safety Camp is held every other year and this is the year but we decided not to hold camp this year even though this is the year. We decided not to hold it because of how busy Fire and Police will be so we didn't want to add to their plates.

- **Anything else?** None

- **MRPA Updates**
 - **MRPA Connections Facebook Page**
 - **Document Repository**
 - **Deb MRPA** – No update at this time.
 - **MRPA Board** – No updates at this time.
 - **MRPF Grant** – Deadline for Spring MRPF Grant is March 26th. <https://mnrpf.org/grants>
- Upcoming Programming Section meeting is on April 16, 2021 as Joint meeting with Aquatics Network via Zoom

Jacob adjourned the meeting at 10:41am, 1st Mark, 2nd Jasmine.

Adjourned