

## ARC Public Board Meeting Minutes

Date: March 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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