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PARC

NOVEMBER 28, 2022, 4:04 P.M.

Committee Members Present: Canneth Lee, Troy Warner, Rachel Tomas Morgan, Henry Davis Jr.

Committee Members Absent: Chris Hagstrom-Jones

Presenters: Eric Glavich, Jonathan Jones, Cynthia Taylor, Emily Sims, John Martinez

Agenda: Update

Members marked with an asterisk (*) are present digitally

Please note the attached link for the meeting recording:

<https://docs.southbendin.gov/WebLink/browse.aspx?dbid=0&mediaid=359626>

Committee Chair Canneth Lee called to order the PARC Committee meeting at 4:04 p.m.

Update

Committee Chair Lee noted that an amazing year has been planned.

Jonathan Jones, 2203 Basin Street, South Bend, the Director of Recreational Experiences, with offices at noted that his program addresses aquatics, ice programming, athletics, the Howard Park Event Center, and the O'Brien Campus. There are approximately twenty-one (21) full-time and part-time permanent staff and approximately one hundred and ten (110) seasonal staff. There are three hundred and sixty-seven (367) programs via this division. There is a significant amount of youth subsidizing and scholarships to these programs.

Cynthia Taylor, with offices at 219 S. St. Louis Blvd, noted that she oversees four centers. Within this, there have been fifty (50) rentals with over three thousand five hundred and seventy (3,570) participants. There have also been classes that nine hundred twenty-eight (928) people have attended. There have been one hundred twenty (120) hours of Sunday public programs. There have been thirty thousand five hundred and thirty-seven (30,537) participants in gym activities. Senior and youth have been positively impacted by programming. She noted that some programming from the MLK Center will be moving due to renovations.

Emily Sims, the Chief Development Officer, 301 S. St. Louis Blvd, noted that they have received over three million dollars (\$3,000,000) in grant applications this year, as well as a one million dollars (\$1,000,000) million in private funds. This is outside of the twenty-four million dollars (\$24,000,000) received in pledges for the Morris renovation project. They have distributed two

thousand (2,000) free skate tickets, five hundred eighty (580) free Broadway tickets, scholarships, etc.

John Martinez, with offices at 1020 High Street South Bend, explained that they have recently doubled the number of staff, as retention is extremely important to the department. Staff has received additional training for emergency situations. There have been investigations on how to engage with the community more thoroughly. For example, there is a tree program where citizens can request a tree and it is cared for by the city for the first year. They have been able to increase tree access to the west end, where there needs to be more greenery. Supporting diversity in leadership is being done.

Eric Glavich, Director of Growth and Opportunity, with offices on the fourteenth (14th) floor of the County-City building, noted that the Morris Center is going into its hundredth (100th) year. There were significant renovations. He provided information regarding Morris Fest, which increased spending in the area by approximately two hundred fifty percent (250%). This event builds the community as well as supports the economy. There is a campaign to raise thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) for equity in arts, and donations are currently at twenty-four million dollars (\$24,000,000). He noted that the Potawatomi pool was in disrepair and this is being investigated on how to repair it. A total renovation would be approximately five million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$5,700,000). There is concern regarding the overall aquatic program in South Bend.

Committee Chair Lee held the public hearing, and nobody spoke

With no further business, Committee Chair Canneth Lee adjourned the PARC meeting at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Canneth Lee, Committee Chair

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