

Minutes  
**MONTPELIER RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S**  
**ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**Monday – May 12, 2025**

Present: Peter Cohn, Heather Bailey, Chris Hancock, Tristan Cherry  
Staff: Arne McMullen

1. Call to order – Review Agenda Meeting began at 5:40 pm
2. Public Presentations – none
3. Approval of Minutes – April 14, 2025. Approved, Peter Cohn, seconded by Heather Bailey
4. Financial Statements

There were no surprises in the budget. Some money is put aside for any further needs.
5. Old Business
  - a. Pool Cleaning Progress
    1. There were a few setbacks since the pool was completely drained and was dry. Two different rainstorms required pumping out the rainwater. The storms left clean water in the pool.
    2. Haidi will try the new pool vacuum to remove the rainwater.
  - b. Chocolate Egg Hunt

300-400 people participated. Someone found a silver egg in an area where it wasn't supposed to be. The problem was resolved and the family was given their winning basket.
6. New Business
  - a. Low Cost Recreation Innovations for a stressed community. We have lost staff at the Rec Center. How could the board be more active?
    1. Volunteers needed to lead an activity Teach adult swim, geo caching, local hiking, city scavenger hunt, walking

group, and kayaking were all suggestions.

2. Volunteers to support an event, ie. Valentine Dance, Egg Hunt
3. Send an email to Arne if you have further ideas

b. CCR Concept Plan  
City Council Meeting

1. Three City Council members are examining the CCR property and are trying to figure out all the uses ie. housing, recreation, child care.
2. At the City Council meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup>, these three council members will present their findings.
3. The council members understand that the Recreation Department needs a recreation zone.
4. The City Council understands the need for Turtle Island in securing a childcare center at CCR.

c. Pool Work prior to season opener.

Pool was washed down, so much rain fell after pumping it all out. Work is being done to smooth out rough surfaces on the asphalt and cracks in pool are being sealed.

7. Director's Report

- a. Asphalt Repairs around pool
- b. Touch up painting

8. Assistant Director/Pool Supervisor's Report

Program Updates

- a. Summer Camps Registrations for other sports camps still have lower levels of registration compared to other years. We will focus this week on sending more information out through social media and emails – Camps: Tennis Camp, Mountaineers Camp, Ultimate Frisbee, and Spanish Camp
- b. Capital Kids Summer Camp –  
Registration numbers are great. All weeks are at 75-76 campers. Week 2 is not full, but

we have a few registrations coming in this week just for week 2.

c. Summer meals are back this season. Campers can sign up for free breakfast and lunch. We have 5 weeks left to prepare for camp. Camp starts June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

d. Camp Staff – Complete. Offer letters were sent out last week. Waiting for letters to come in by tomorrow.

e. Pool Staff – Complete. Haidi is still looking for a few more lifeguards. A few of the lifeguards are getting their WSI, so that means we have at least 4 on staff. Pool tentative opening day is June 21<sup>st</sup>.

f. These next few weeks Haidi will be working towards getting a few lifeguard supplies as well as camp supplies that will hold us over until the next fiscal year.

## 9. Other Business

### Volunteer Opportunities

ie. Touch a truck

a. Chris spoke about the need for volunteers in the community to step up and participate and stand up for recreation in Montpelier.

a. Peter suggested having a flyer to give to parents

b. Heather asked “ How can we recruit a new board member?” “Can we write something on FPF?” Arne will look into it.

Adjournment Peter Cohn approved, Chris Hanson 7 6:36 pm

**Next meeting: Monday, June 16, 2025.**