

City of West Buechel
Community Center Committee
City Council Chambers
3705 Bashford Avenue
Louisville, KY 40218
August 10, 2021, 6:30 PM

Present: Ashley Stewart, Evelyn Saldana, Liz Bierbaum. Billy Hill and Virginia Marler was absent. Also in attendance was City Clerk, Debbie Batliner and Sherri Osbourne, Deputy Clerk. Visitors were Linda Cook, Bonnie Manning, and Rose Shouse.

Ashley Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

A motion was made by Debbie Batliner and second by Liz Bierbaum to approve the minutes of July 8, 2021. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Ken Weber with Reach Alert spoke to the Committee and explained how the Reach Alert works and how much it would cost. Mr. Weber informed the Committee that it would cost \$2.00 per household no matter how many phones they had in the house. It would be ½ price for the first year because the city is a member of KLC.

A motion was made by Evelyn Saldana to table the decision until the next meeting. Motion died for lack of a second.

Evelyn Saldana wants to do the survey now and speak to the community before any decisions are made. The draft survey was on the agenda to be discussed, however, Ms. Saldana was trying to talk about it during the reach alert presentation. After some differing opinions Ms. Saldana left the meeting at 6:50 PM. Liz Bierbaum requested to continue with the meeting.

Visitors stated that it would be a good thing to have communications and that they would like for the committee to make a recommendation to the City Council for the Reach Alert system at their meeting Thursday night.

Ms. Stewart stated that the committee needs to set hours for the community center to be open. Ms. Bierbaum stated that right now during the summer, the community center is open 9-5, winter hours are 9-6 and they are there sometimes until 7-7:30. Ms. Stewart stated that the hours need to be cut off at 40 hours per week. Ms. Bierbaum stated that with meetings and such, the community center would not always be open 40 hours. It was suggested that 10-12 five days a week could be open for senior activities, 12-1 for lunch/cleaning, 1-2:30 for appointments to assist adults and 2:30 to 6 for

students. The Community Center will be closed for one week during the year for vacation time for staff.

Kid Check Software was introduced to the committee by Ms. Stewart and Ms. Batliner. It would be a free setup and free demo for a short period of time which would give the city an opportunity to see if it would be worth using to keep track of the kids. Ms. Bierbaum stated that she could do without the software and thinks it is a waste of money when she can do all of that herself and finds it offensive that this committee does not think she is taking care of her responsibilities. Ms. Stewart stated that the city needs formalized reporting to be able to continue justifying the community center expenses and thinks this software is a good way to do that. Ms. Stewart also stated that we needed to try these programs before they get too big and realize we need it and do not have it. It will be a learning curve for all involved. Visitors at the meeting agreed unanimously.

There will be draft survey questions at the next meeting.

Tabled Ms. Bierbaum's current activities/job description on the agenda.

Set a permanent time for the Community Center Committee Meetings on the Tuesday before the City Council Meetings.

Attorney Hall is working on the forms and will update the Community Center Executive Committee.

Adjourn meeting at 7:35.

Minutes were signed by Ashley Stewart, Chairperson

Minutes were attested by City Clerk, Debbie Batliner