

City of West Buechel
Community Center Committee
City Council Chambers
3705 Bashford Avenue
Louisville, KY 40218
July 6, 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 Mary Campbell, John Campbell, Vivian Ridener, Lisa Cook, Linda Cook, Bonnie Manning, Janie Mosely, Deana Vance and Samantha Blanton.

Ashley Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

Ms. Stewart informed the committee that this committee has no authorization and is to make recommendations to the City Council for their review.

The first item on the agenda is to set Program Hours for the Community Center. Ms. Stewart suggested setting hours for the senior community members and for the students. She suggested that the senior programs could be from 11 AM to 1 PM daily and the student programs could be middle to high school students 2 PM to 4 PM and the elementary students 4 PM to 6 PM.

Ms. Stewart suggested 10-12 for seniors because members thought 11-1 was too late in the day and stated that the time could be changed if needed. This is the first meeting, and it is mostly ideas and to get a start on what needs to be done at the community center.

Ms. Saldana asked if only the residents could rent out the community center. Ms. Bierbaum stated that we will no longer be renting out the community center.

Ms. Stewart said that the hours are now set from 10-12 for Seniors and 2:30 to 6:30 for students.

Ms. Stewart stated that next on the agenda is Accountability. How to track how the programs are going and the involvement of the community. Clerk Batliner suggested a software program that would allow everyone to be scanned in and out.

Ms. Bierbaum does not want a computer program and thinks that the sign in sheet works well. She stated that to do that, the parents would have to give permission forms and that she still did not have the documents approved from a couple of years ago.

Ms. Stewart stated that we could start with sign in sheets and will decide the remainder later.

A meeting time for regular meetings of the Community Center Committee was suggested for the 1st Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM. All meetings will be open to the public. Mr. Hill stated that he would not be able to attend the August 5th meeting. Ms. Stewart suggested that we could move the next meeting to Tuesday, August 10rd at 6:30. All agreed.

Ms. Bierbaum wants to reach out to each citizen with a text message or some other kind of communications. She stated that the residents do not know what is going on in the community. Ms. Stewart suggested everyone bring back ideas to the next meeting for a communication system for the community.

Ms. Stewart also requested that everyone bring back ideas for survey questions and ways to reach every citizen.

The next agenda item is the Policies. Ms. Stewart stated that we need to work on forms and mission statement. Ms. Bierbaum presented everyone with a copy of the policies that were not adopted two years ago and requested input.

Mr. Hill asked if donations could be solicited for the community center. Clerk Batliner informed Mr. Hill that city employees could not solicit donations. Residents could solicit donations if they chose to.

All members and residents attending were asked to send e-mails for items for the next meeting by e-mailing either Clerk Batliner or Deputy Clerk Osbourne.

Ms. Stewart adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Minutes were signed by Ashley Stewart, Chairperson

Minutes were attested by City Clerk, Debbie Batliner