

COMMISSION REPORTER



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**Orange Community Education & Recreation
COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, October 11, 2011
6:30pm, Pepper Pike Learning Center**

Attended by:

Laura Guentner
Julie Jordan
Stanley Morganstern
Joan Schenkel

Kim Szymanski
Andrea Vederman
Dr. Nancy Wingenbach

Not in attendance:

Beth Dallinga
Cindy Eickhoff

Ryburn Taylor
Cindy Wiley

Approval of September 2011 Commission Meeting Minutes

Ms. Julie Jordan asked for approval of the September 2011 Commission meeting minutes. Ms. Kim Szymanski motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Andrea Vederman seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Superintendent Update

Dr. Nancy Wingenbach reported that the Levy campaign is moving along. She stated that the school district is focusing on the high quality education, services and programs that the Orange School District has to offer, including OCE&R.

Board of Education Update

Mr. Stanley Morganstern reported that the Brady gymnasium is now complete. He also reported that a small group of parents whose children attend private schools and use the Orange buses were in attendance at the school board meeting.

Program Area Updates

The Senior Adult coordinator, Nancy Haag, updated the Commission on the Senior Adult program and the Orange Senior Center activities. She reviewed the current programs such as Prostate Health Seminar, Bridge, Garden Club, and the Clam Bake. Ms. Haag also stated that she is examining ways to get new faces in the door at the Senior Center. She stated that possible events could include monthly socials or club meetings and that she is looking at partnering with the Orange Art Center and the Orange Library. Ms. Haag also reviewed the social services that the Senior Center offers including the Senior Transportation, Adult Day Care and Health and Wellness events.

The Adults of All Ages coordinator, Pam Bayus, updated the Commission on the current programs and activities of the Adults of All Ages program. She reported that revenues for Fall 2011 are the same as Fall 2010, but expenses are down for Fall 2011 as compared to Fall 2010. She also reported that benchmarks for the program indicate that the 3 most popular classes are Spanish, Woodworking, and Body Sculpting and the classes earning the most dollars are Pharmacy Tech, Upholstery and Woodworking. Ms. Bayus reported that several goals she has set for the program include working with other vendors to develop certification programs, working with the Orange Senior Center on cross programming and developing hybrid programs that combine both online and classroom learning.

Commission Bylaws Review Committee Update

Mr. Thatcher Thomas updated the Commission on the progress of the Bylaws Review Committee. He stated that the bylaws had not been updated since 2007 and then reviewed the proposed changes to the bylaws. These include:

- 1) Reducing number of at-large representatives
- 2) Changing procedures for recommending governmental representatives noting that Mayors would have 90 days to recommend a person for vacant Government Rep position. If the position isn't filled within that time frame, a current At Large Rep from that community could serve as a liaison until a new representative has been chosen;
- 3) Reduce total number of meetings;
- 4) Change start time of meetings from 7pm to 6:30pm;

He stated that a final version of the revised bylaws will be presented at the January Commission meeting for approval. Mr. Morganstern asked that the Commission forward the approved bylaws to the Board of Education.

Year End Financial Report FY 2010-2011

Ms. Laura Guentner distributed Orange Community Education & Recreation's Year End Fiscal Performance Report for 2010-2011 to all Commission members. She stated that the Support Services portion of the budget relies on funds from the Recreation Levy to cover operational costs. Ms. Guentner reviewed the finances associated with the PPLC renovations and stated that only funds generated from program fees can be used for building renovations and that the current renovations were paid for with funds that have been accumulating over approximately 15 years. She also stated that Cuyahoga County's reappraisal of property values will impact the department.

Youth Sports Update

Ms. Guentner reported that she and Sports/Aquatics coordinator, Sandra Andrews, have met with members of OCAA to understand better how the organization operates. She stated that she will report back to the Board of Education and the Commission in January or February with an update.

Miscellaneous

Ms. Guentner reported that members of the OCER staff were invited to attend an event at the City Club where local mayors discussed the possibility of combining municipalities. She also reminded the Government representatives to schedule updates with the mayors and councils.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS:

January 5	OCE&R Winter Registration Begins
January 9	Board of Education Meeting, 6:30pm
January 13 & 14	Stagecrafters Community Production, <i>The Princess and the Pea</i>
January 16	Martin Luther King Day, OCE&R Offices CLOSED
January 17 & 18	Orange Early Childhood Open House & Registration
January 23	Orange Board of Education Meeting, 6:30pm
February 9	Jubilee Steering Committee Meeting
February 14	OCE&R Commission Meeting, 6:30pm

Next Commission Meeting – January 10, 2012 at 6:30pm