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TO: City Commission
FROM: Kristina Traina, Administrative Assistant
SUBJ: Work Session Meeting Agenda
DATE: June 2, 2021

A Work Session is scheduled for June 2, 2021 at 5:00 pm in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, 220 E. First Avenue. The following items will be presented:

I. ITEMS FOR PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

- i. 2022 Budget Process
- ii. Excess Sales Tax Program
- iii. YMCA Proposal

II. June 7, 2021 REGULAR AGENDA REVIEW

- a. Personal Appearance
 - i. Butler County Oil Museum Board and Director, Tiya Tonn
- b. Consent Agenda
 - i. City Commission Meeting Minutes
- c. Old Business
 - i. None
- d. New Business
 - i. FAA Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Agreement
 - ii. Assessment public hearing for Proj 533-Oil Hill/Rocky Rd
 - iii. Assessment public hearing for Proj 542-Douglas Rd
 - iv. CDBG grant 142 N Main-approve contract, repayment agreement, matching funds agreement
 - v. Boyer Road Water Main Project
- e. Discussion Items
 - i. None

III. REPORTS

- a. City Commission Reports
- b. City Manager's Report

IV. EL DORADO LAND BANK BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA

- a. American Legion Donation to El Dorado Land Bank

February 12, 2021

Recreation Advisory Committee
City of El Dorado
220 E. First
El Dorado, KS 67042

Dear Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with the Recreation Advisory Committee to discuss the future of youth sports. Both the City and YMCA have the same goal of maximizing participation with El Dorado youth in sports and wellness. The Wichita YMCA's have a long standing positive track record of running quality youth sports programs in the Greater Wichita area. We feel this is a great opportunity for the El Dorado YMCA to add additional sports programming with the goal of increasing participation, health and wellness for our youth and in turn allowing the City to build on their other successful programs and initiatives.

As you know the EL Dorado YMCA is part of the Greater Wichita YMCA, our Y's youth sports programs offer several levels of competition to meet the variety of needs within our communities. This structure would be a benefit for all our local teams, allowing them the opportunity to keep their teams together and play at either a recreational, intermediate or advanced level of competition, all under the same entity, which is the desire of our community participants.

Please review the attached youth sports proposal outlining the El Dorado YMCA running the youth basketball, soccer, volleyball and flag football programs, beginning fall 2021.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email us.

Sincerely,

Matt Engel
Branch Director

Wendy Scribner
Senior Program Director

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4. Volunteer coaches training will be offered for anyone interested in leading a team. Coaches will be recruited through relationship building and our network of volunteers. If unable to find a volunteer coach, the YMCA staff will coach.
5. Our sports run on Playerspace (<https://ymcawichita.playerspace.com/>). Participants and coaches in Greater Wichita YMCA sports programs use PLAYERSPACE to stay updated with communication from our staff, coaches, other player guardians and more.
6. Program details such as price, ages, and time lines for registration deadlines and games attached. **Financial assistance is available for all programs; the YMCA does not turn anyone away, regardless of their ability to pay.**

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Lastly, we would like to offer every new YMCA sport participant one (1) free sport session within the first year.

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- **POST-SEASON** None

GAME/PLAY FORMAT

- Score Kept by YMCA provided officials
- 15-20 minute halves (excluding 4U and 5U)
- **EVERYONE PLAYS POLICY** All eligible players play (approximately) half-the-game

UNIFORM POLICY

- Reversible "Y" jersey is required
- \$15/jersey (Purchase at the Welcome Desk of any Greater Wichita YMCA location)

COACHES AND OFFICIALS

- **COACHES** Volunteer
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INTERMEDIATE BASKETBALL LEAGUE

- **ELIGIBLE AGES** 6U-12U (Boys, Girls)
- **TEAM FORMATION** 10-12 Players/Team + Coach
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- **POST-SEASON** Single Elimination
- Teams practice at local home branches

GAME FORMAT

- Score and standing kept
- 15-20 minute halves
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UNIFORM POLICY

- **TEAM CHOICE** Matching shirts/jerseys required with numbers on front and back

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ADVANCED BASKETBALL LEAGUE

- **ELIGIBLE AGE** 6U-18U
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- **LEAGUE FORMAT** Established and experienced players continue to develop skills and sportsmanship in games against other, equally-skilled teams. Players must have an existing coach and team to register. Free Agents will be placed on teams when available.

Program Details

SEASON FORMAT

- **GAME COUNT** 8 Games per season
- **POST-SEASON** Single Elimination
- Teams practice and play at Farha Sports Centers and may travel
 - El Dorado teams will practice at the El Dorado YMCA

PLAY FORMAT

- Score and standing kept
- 15-20 minute halves
- Coach-determined playing time

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RECREATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

- **ELIGIBLE AGES**
 - U5 (Boys, Girls, Co-Ed)
 - U6-U13 (Boys, Girls)
- **TEAM FORMTATION**
 - 6+ Players/Team with Coach
- **LEAGUE FORMAT**
 - With an emphasis on fair play and fun, soccer at the Y is progressive with age-appropriate rules to help teach the game and keep it fun at every level. Our soccer program focuses on sportsmanship and teaching the basic skills including kicking, passing, dribbling, shooting, defense and working as a team.

Program Details

SESSION FORMAT

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- **POST SEASON** N/A

GAME/PLAY FORMAT

- Skills development
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ADVANCED SOCCER LEAGUE

- **ELIGIBLE AGES**

- U4-U5 (Boys, Girls, Co-Ed)
- U6-U19 (Boys, Girls)
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- **TEAM FORMATION**

- 10-12 Player/Team with Coach

- **LEAGUE FORMAT**

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Program Details

SESSION FORMAT

- **GAME COUNT** 8 Games per season at Farah Turf Fields
- **POST-SEASON** Top 4 Teams, Single Elimination

GAME FORMAT

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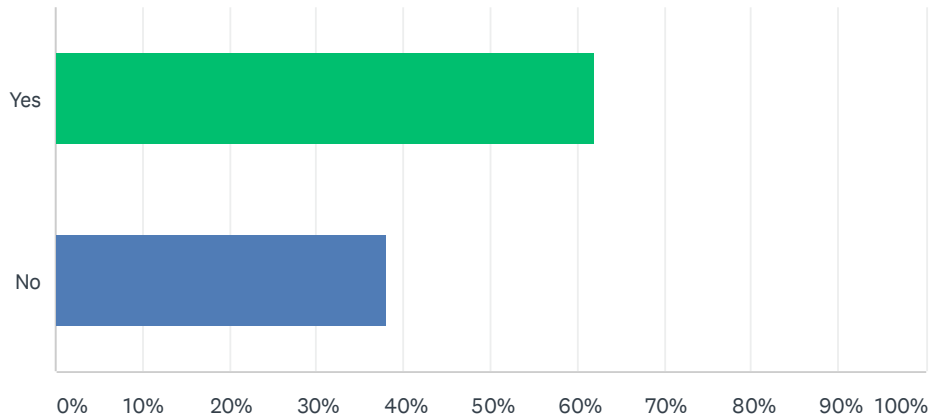
- Basketball
- Flag Football
- Soccer
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- Basketball
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- Soccer

Q1 The YMCA’s proposal includes three different leagues based on competitiveness. Leagues offered are classified as Recreational, Intermediate, and Advanced. “Recreation” leagues will practice and play in El Dorado, “Intermediate” leagues will practice in El Dorado and play games in El Dorado and Andover, and “Advanced” leagues will practices in El Dorado and plays all games in Andover and south Wichita. Would you prefer to have the option of three different leagues for youth sports?

Answered: 223 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		61.88%	138
No		38.12%	85
TOTAL			223

Q2 The YMCA anticipates increasing participation fees for youth recreation activities. Families will not have to become members of the YMCA in order to participate. Scholarships are available to assist households with registration fees based on income-based criteria established by the YMCA.

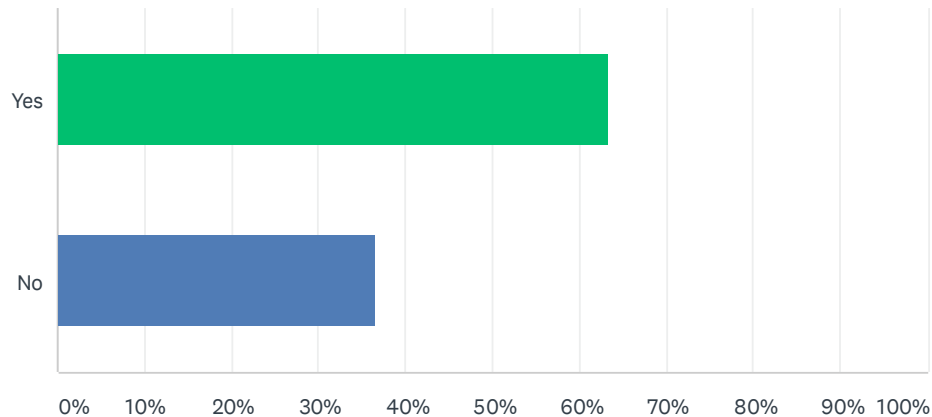
Do you have any concerns with the possibility of increased participation fees? Proposed YMCA Fees: Category Member Non-

Member Micro Sports \$27 \$47 Recreational Sports \$45 \$65

Intermediate Basketball \$45 \$65 Advanced Basketball \$85 \$105

Advanced Soccer \$65 \$85 Current City of El Dorado Recreation resident fees: Soccer \$16 Volleyball \$16 Flag Football \$16 Basketball \$40 T-Ball \$20 Baseball/Softball \$40

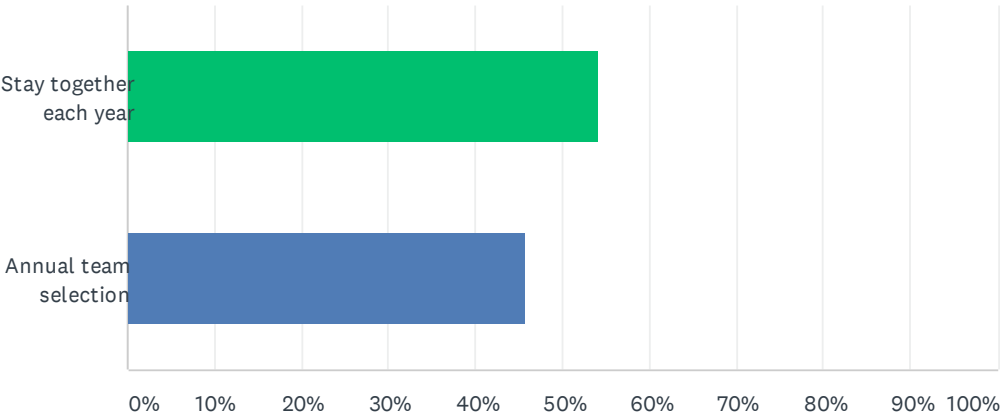
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	63.39%	142
No	36.61%	82
TOTAL		224

Q3 The YMCA's proposal will allow teams to stay together from season to season. Do you prefer teams that stay together each year or would you prefer an annual team selection process?

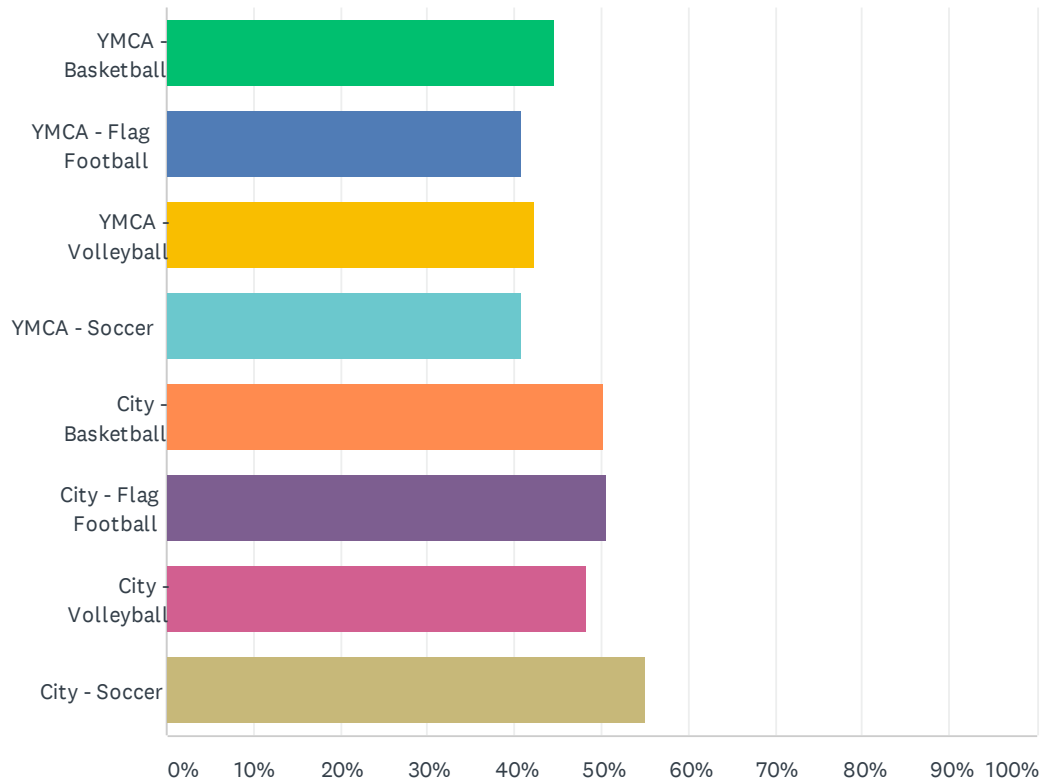
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Stay together each year	54.09%	119
Annual team selection	45.91%	101
TOTAL		220

Q4 The YMCA proposed to assume responsibility for recreation activities for youth sports except for baseball/softball. If given the choice, which entity would you prefer to manage each recreational activity?

Answered: 211 Skipped: 14



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
YMCA - Basketball	44.55%	94
YMCA - Flag Football	40.76%	86
YMCA - Volleyball	42.18%	89
YMCA - Soccer	40.76%	86
City - Basketball	50.24%	106
City - Flag Football	50.71%	107
City - Volleyball	48.34%	102
City - Soccer	54.98%	116
Total Respondents: 211		

Q5 What other concerns or comments do you have should the YMCA assume recreation programming for all youth sports except for baseball/softball?

Answered: 113 Skipped: 112

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Let it be competitive and maybe pay a little for good coaches to stay around.	5/3/2021 7:14 PM
2	Lack of facilities. Especially basketball. Trying to get on a court at the YMCA for practice is difficult.	5/3/2021 2:38 PM
3	The price difference, and how poor they have ran other sports. Also like the rec does with regards to players and selecting them I think keeping a certain number of kids per sport would be ok.	5/3/2021 2:06 PM
4	Cost	5/3/2021 1:35 PM
5	The prices are pretty high. I have 9 children and they wouldn't all be able to do sports with the Y. It was more affordable when the Rex did it because of discounts that were given.	5/3/2021 8:53 AM
6	My biggest concern is the price jump. Residents of El Dorado pay just \$16 for most sports and then we cover the cost of equipment. The price jump would make it harder for families to enroll their child/children in sports. If you were to do income based, the YMCA goes off of last years tax's and not everyone has the same jobs or pay from the previous tax year. Another concern would be sending out registration forms. My daughter missed registrations this year because the city nor the YMCA sent anything out.	5/3/2021 8:47 AM
7	I have only one question. Why is the YMCA lobbying for this so hard?	5/3/2021 8:04 AM
8	I don't think we should have a facility. Hand over to ymca or programs in that matter to another organization. I believe that the city could adopt other models to get max use out of all the sports as of the new tennis courts so we going to have the ymca run this too cause there isn't a good business model ?	5/3/2021 7:17 AM
9	Keep things the same	5/3/2021 5:36 AM
10	Having the teams be fair and not hand picked like they were when my kids went through them	5/2/2021 11:25 PM
11	Total control, without further consideration of families	5/2/2021 5:24 PM
12	Let the YMCA take a role in the EFABC and get the city out oft	5/2/2021 12:37 PM
13	If rich kids need more competition then they need to go play "club" sports in Wichita. This sort of hostile take over will likely leave the "middle class kids" out of sports during a time when kids need to be off the electronic devices and out in the fresh air. The YMCA already sends a ton of money from the El Dorado branch to Wichita. Let Wichita fend for themselves. Here's a great idea why not have the YMCA take over the city's portion of the EFABC if they want somewhere to dump their money into.	5/2/2021 12:35 PM
14	The YMCA programs we've been part of have been successful and competitive. I don't know that El Dorado can sustain three separate levels but I do think an advanced league could provide a desperately needed higher level of competition.	5/2/2021 11:18 AM
15	They shouldn't.	5/2/2021 10:27 AM
16	no concerns love the idea of y taking over the sports	5/1/2021 7:05 PM
17	No concerns love this idea	5/1/2021 6:57 PM
18	Time with several kids going to different fields.	5/1/2021 11:33 AM
19	The YMCA has hurt sports in El Dorado. We used to compete with other schools at a competitive level. The Y came in handing out participation trophies and not keeping score and	5/1/2021 10:01 AM

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	now our high school sports have suffered	
20	My concern is that the intermediate league doesn't allow for a youth to join the team without having an existing coach	4/30/2021 8:55 PM
21	Those prices for non members are ridiculous. I will take my child to another town to play sports if the ymca takes over and raises their prices.	4/30/2021 8:47 PM
22	Shortened seasons	4/30/2021 8:30 PM
23	Increased prices would prevent a lot of kids being able to play. Especially for those that don't quite qualify for scholarships	4/30/2021 5:18 PM
24	I do not like the YMCA doing basketball. Prefer it through the rec center	4/30/2021 4:59 PM
25	they tried before and they sucked. do different this time	4/30/2021 3:58 PM
26	As someone who has coached many times for both the Y and for the city Rec leagues, including coaching in the advanced league at the Farha Center, I can say that the city provides a far better program. I understand the reasons why the city let the Y run the soccer league here in town, but the way it is being run is not what we want for all sports here. There are kids from way too wide a range of ages being forced to play together, and even with that there are still only four teams so the entire season consists of a total of five games with two of those being against a team you have already played. And for the honor of getting such a poorly run league you get to pay more than the city typically charges also.	4/30/2021 3:57 PM
27	Based on brackets- financially we will never qualify for assistance. That's what being in the middle is- and we cannot afford the upped prices. So, if the Y takes over we will not be able to do any sports for any of our children.	4/30/2021 2:51 PM
28	I like the idea of teams staying together, but I would also like them to be open to new kiddos each season	4/30/2021 2:14 PM
29	I think this partnership between the YMCA and the City Rec league will help us grow our youth sports teams in number and in skill levels.	4/30/2021 10:50 AM
30	The price and travel are the main concerns.	4/30/2021 9:52 AM
31	I have three children in recreational soccer right now at very different levels of skill. If it switches over to the YMCA doing soccer and all three of my children have a game in three different locations, that won't work for me. I already have them playing at the same time on the field, but I wouldn't be able to get them to the correct location if it's all on the same day and same time.	4/30/2021 8:09 AM
32	Communication from the Y is less than desirable. We have always enjoyed when the city did the sports. Better communication, no back and forth with different rules. Things with the Y are "messy".	4/30/2021 2:06 AM
33	Each sport that the Y has lead since they joined has had sub par coaching. Getting 14-17 year old kids to coach is not a good idea, and it makes sports unmanageable for the parents	4/29/2021 10:03 PM
34	You will lose more folks than you would gain.	4/29/2021 9:40 PM
35	The coaches that are very hard on their team members, yelling at them should not be tolerated. This seemed to foster a negative atmosphere for the team. Then before you know it parents are yelling at kids, referees and the game is out of control. It is no longer what it was intended to be which is to help kids improve in a athletic setting. Our daughter played advanced basketball at the Farha centers and this happened at Both facilities. We were glad to leave and enroll her at ElDorado rec center these past 2 seasons. She has learned so much since then.	4/29/2021 9:08 PM
36	None	4/29/2021 7:46 PM
37	The increased fee's for those that may not be able to afford it.	4/29/2021 6:56 PM
38	That when applying for the youth scholarships, that the applications ACTUALLY be looked at and APPLIED if qualified!	4/29/2021 5:43 PM
39	I believe that it is in the best interest of our youth to have the City manage youth sports. City staff does their best to make sure that programs are fair for all. Giving up control to the Metro YMCA is not in the best interest of the citizens of El Dorado and our surrounding communities.	4/29/2021 5:11 PM

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As I have attended Saturday soccer this session I have noticed that the Y rarely, if ever, has supervisory staff on site. City staff is always there. While I appreciate the fitness aspect that the Y brings to our community, I don't believe it's in the best interest of the community to make a change.

40	If you want to jump into a sport how do you get assigned to a team? Playing against stacked teams is not fun for anyone and is super discouraging to a kid who is just starting out. What will our city workers do? I wouldn't want any job loss from this transition. I know there are scholarships but the price seems really high. Where does all that money go?	4/29/2021 4:45 PM
41	I don't like the increase in prices. Lots of families struggle every day for regular stuff. Especially if you are a nonmember.	4/29/2021 4:27 PM
42	It's about time! Our youth doesn't have a competitive option therefore our middle and high school teams are competing at their level either. Time to try something new!	4/29/2021 4:20 PM
43	Very excited to have the YMCA take over!	4/29/2021 4:00 PM
44	It didn't work before. Why would you allow the Y to take over all but baseball/softball. Doesn't make sense. There is no way there will be enough kids in one age group to put into 3 separate groups. Kids leave to go to Wichita because we are not competitive enough here. Going thru the Y will not solve that problem.	4/29/2021 3:26 PM
45	None	4/29/2021 3:25 PM
46	If the Y is going to take over the sports and the prices are going to go up, then I think the "coaches" should be paid coaches from the YMCA. Parents can still be involved but these kids need to learn about the sport as well. We have helped "coach" before just so our kids could play and we know nothing about soccer, if I am going to pay \$45 then I want my child to actually learn the fundamentals and rules of the sport they are playing.	4/29/2021 2:43 PM
47	The organization/communication for sports through the city has always been superior to that of the YMCA.	4/29/2021 2:31 PM
48	We need coaches that know what they are doing so they can actually teach the correct fundamentals and mechanics of the sport. That is the problem with sports in this town. No one seems to know what they are doing when they become a coach.	4/29/2021 2:23 PM
49	The YMCA does not have the best interest of players, coaches, parents, and volunteers in mind.	4/29/2021 2:03 PM
50	None	4/29/2021 2:02 PM
51	They do not do a good job managing the programs they already offer. There swim lesson and gymnastics program need some work.	4/29/2021 2:00 PM
52	Maybe make it the same amount for everybody not everybody can afford a YMCA membership	4/29/2021 1:57 PM
53	Our community needs the progression model the YMCA has to offer. By offering 3 levels of competition, there is a league for everyone! By being able to keep teams together is also an advantage that will help our sports teams as the kids get into MS and HS sports. My vote is to allow the YMCA to run all youth sports mentioned above.	4/29/2021 1:53 PM
54	COST,COST,COST	4/29/2021 1:48 PM
55	Not everyone is a YMCA member, those prices are ridiculous for nonmembers. Some families can not afford that.	4/29/2021 1:46 PM
56	The city does not get enough players to split into different skill levels so the less skilled players will end up playing the same couple teams over and over. Also if current soccer program through YMCA is how they plan on fielding teams I think having 4th grade 10 year old girls playing on same team as 6th grade 12 year old boys, is not fair to the small 10 year old girls on the field. This is happening right now, this soccer season. Also the increase in fees will make several families that make too much for scholarships but still not much to not let their kids play, so there will be even less kids playing. Youth sports should not be pay to play for only the well off.	4/29/2021 1:44 PM
57	Middle class kids left out because of costs. Poor kids get scholarships, rich kids can afford it but middle class families will have to decide if they can afford it.	4/29/2021 10:14 AM

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58	This survey lacks validity because it is too general. For instance, I don't think it matters if kids switch teams every year as youngsters, but as they get older, it would be better if they stayed together. Also, the first question about 3 levels isn't valid because I would like to have the upper 2 choices, but not the first level except for at the younger levels.	4/28/2021 5:57 PM
59	This will allow for better competition therefore making our kids better and be able to make El Dorado sports better in the future. Life don't hand out participation ribbons- have to be able to compete.	4/28/2021 4:47 PM
60	My son has been involved with the Y and has improved tremendously with the clinics and camps they provide that the city rec does not. I encourage the board to move in the direction of having the Y take over these sports programs.	4/28/2021 4:30 PM
61	It's not the quality that the rec is putting out. The problem is these kids are already going to larger leagues so it does not matter who is running the show. Me personally I have been part of the Y programs and have multiple bad experiences. Maybe things have changed. Maybe not. I prefer the rec and maybe if things need to grow find a way to bring those better athletic kids back.	4/28/2021 4:27 PM
62	We are getting farther and farther behind in our development in our sports programs . Now I don't put all the blame on our rec department but we have got to make a more competitive environment and we need to work with our HS coaches and install principals and strategies to our rec coaches so that we are building a solid system to help build success in our USD 490 sports programs. I want to let the rec keep ELD sports programs but some drastic changes need to be made . If we want to keep things the same way than we need to let the YMCA take over so at a minimum they allow ELD kids to have more access to tougher competition. Again this isn't all on the rec it's just as much the fault of the people of ELD that our sports programs have become well below average but we have to make some drastic changes . For the sake of EL Dorado I hope we do !!! Step up and listen to the people and make the changes and get our community coaches involved and let's keep our Rec programs . If we don't want change than Please let the YMCA take over .	4/28/2021 2:37 PM
63	I believe the YMCA proposal would be beneficial for El Dorado and the surrounding areas. Allowing a more diverse offering of competition levels and the ability for teams to develop together brings us more in line with other communities.	4/28/2021 2:12 PM
64	Good for our kids	4/28/2021 2:04 PM
65	We need to get the word out that the YMCA does not turn people away because of the ability to pay. The YMCA also provides equipment for youth who cannot afford it such as specialized shoes, bats, gloves, shin guards, etc. Otherwise, I think the Y has the resources, facilities, and trained staff to handle the sports for the youth in our community.	4/28/2021 8:58 AM
66	Price and team selection.	4/28/2021 8:38 AM
67	staffing concern: if not enough actual coaches, YMCA staff has to take on the responsibility? actual background knowledge of sport by coaches is preferred.	4/28/2021 8:15 AM
68	The sports programs offered for our youth in El Dorado are not where they should be. We play as many sports locally as we can, however, the competitiveness isn't there. There aren't enough youth signing up to have the competitiveness because we have local youth playing sports out of Andover and Wichita. This is ridiculous when we have the capability right here in El Dorado through the YMCA. This decision should be about what's best for our youth and the future of El Dorado and I think it's pretty clear what that decision should be.	4/27/2021 8:07 PM
69	I like the Y system and think it gives kids the most opportunity to be active in sports.	4/27/2021 7:39 PM
70	I have concerns about the Y being able to find coaches. They have not provided many for past rec soccer leagues.	4/27/2021 8:37 AM
71	Keep it like it is now. The soccer is going great! I like the current set up and price.	4/26/2021 1:12 PM
72	Yes	4/26/2021 10:44 AM
73	The increase in fees is a huge deterrent to participating in sports. My son is at the age where we are still trying out different activities to see what he is interested in, and we will be much less likely to participate in a variety of sports with these fees.	4/26/2021 7:55 AM
74	YMCA is ha not done well with what they have now. We should not turn our kids sports to	4/25/2021 10:46 PM

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them. Even their “competitive” leagues are participation leagues

75	This is forcing everyone to either join the YMCA or pay a higher amount for your kids to play recreational sports.	4/25/2021 3:09 PM
76	Fee increases, and commute for other kids. Some kids have a hard enough time getting to sports here, making the game locations in Andover and Wichita would make it even more difficult. Along with sign up numbers lowering.	4/24/2021 12:37 PM
77	I know you guys say you have financial scholarships for one that can't afford it but I have friends that applied for it for there children and got denied. Yes I think the prices for the ymca are ridiculous you want us to pay \$46 for a T-shirt? It's only \$16 for the city. Some families can't afford that. That could be groceries or even a bill. I just want you guys to be considered of the families in this community that can't afford that and make it easier for them to get accepted for your financial scholarships.	4/24/2021 8:25 AM
78	We need to keep this about the kids and their families. Increase availability of different activities while keeping affordability so more kids will get away from the tv. Hiking up the price and making it difficult to apply for financial aid and the embarrassment that may accompany that will turn parents away. Also, make sure kids from each school district have the option to stay together. Most will have more fun and thrive better when they already have a familiar face as a teammate.	4/24/2021 2:35 AM
79	There should not be an increase of fees or additional fees for shirts or jerseys.	4/23/2021 10:13 PM
80	I do not understand why every 3-5 years the YMCA attempts to take over all youth sports in ElDorado. Quit wasting everyone's time! Quit with all the public meetings, forums, and time invested in this. Every time the YMCA attempts to take over, the patrons overwhelmingly don't want the YMCA to do this. Quit with all the nonsense.	4/23/2021 9:37 PM
81	Prices will be too high. Please consider the kids that do not live in el dorado. There are many that live outside the city limits. People that live east towards Rosalia have to travel further if games are played in Andover or Wichita. Kids should be able to play with other kids from their respective school, including schools outside of el dorado.	4/23/2021 9:21 PM
82	The YMCA offers many great benefits, but my experience has been that kids don't learn to be truly competitive...some refer to it as the Y mentality...everyone gets a medal. The price increase would be detrimental to an already struggling program and families.	4/23/2021 9:11 PM
83	League drafts are ridiculous. Kids who go to school together should be allowed to play sports together as they will when they reach upper grades. It's an unreasonable expectation that out of town families travel to El Dorado for practices as well as games.	4/23/2021 9:08 PM
84	Cost is unreasonable. Even with the scholarship, some families will not qualify and will still not be able to justify the significant increase in price. Myself included. My children would then not be able to participate in recreational sports.	4/23/2021 8:55 PM
85	The cost of participation is my main concern. It adds up w multiple kiddos!	4/23/2021 5:19 PM
86	Travel and higher fees for participation. This is a low income town, do they plan on handing out “scholarships” for every single child wanting to participate?	4/23/2021 2:10 PM
87	Why is the YMCA not taking baseball? It would be simpler if they did all of them	4/23/2021 1:49 PM
88	Hire an independent company to do background checks on people who work with children. The city should retain control of the volunteer coaching process.	4/23/2021 1:40 PM
89	The YMCA always understaffs their sports, so the teams are way to big especially the micro teams. A lot of parents already sacrifice time & money to get their kids into activities & upping the price would mean kids wouldn't get to play (most parents won't take the time to fill out extra paperwork for scholarships) The city always does a good job with sports & gets the parents involved with coaching. We will loose that if the YMCA takes over. Don't make us lose El Dorado to a bigger entity!	4/23/2021 1:34 PM
90	Don't mess with anything that is not a problem.	4/23/2021 10:53 AM
91	I would love to see more competitive options for youth sports!	4/23/2021 10:07 AM
92	I have no concerns with the YMCA assuming programming oversight and responsibilities for all youth sports except for baseball/softball. I do have major disagreements with how the El	4/23/2021 9:53 AM

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Dorado Recreation Department and its staff continue to operate their youth sports programs. The offerings and structures they put forth do not serve the best interests of the large majority of youth in the surrounding area, pre-elementary through high school. See each of the comments below to support the YMCA's proposed re-alignment of youth sports programs for the El Dorado Community and the surrounding area. + The proposed re-alignment of youth programs in El Dorado needs to happen. + It is in the best interest of the youth and families surrounding our community. + This has needed to occur for a long time. + The City's Rec Dept Committee Members, Rec Dept Staff and Council Members need to understand the value of this proposal. + It would significantly improve the community's youth sports program offerings, activities, instruction and development and opportunities, and participant experiences. + The YMCA's proposed re-alignment would provide El Dorado Youth with access to different types of programs, competition levels and opportunities that the City's Recreation Department is simply not able to provide and has seemed to be uninterested in addressing (Argo and Wishart specifically). + The City Rec Dept would be in a better position to provide more consistent, development opportunities if they concentrated on baseball and softball for the youth of our community and surrounding area. This would be a huge positive for the youth that participate in baseball or softball. + The Y has substantial financial assistance programs. I am not aware of any child or family that has been turned down for financial assistance requests or material sports equipment needs. I have a long standing history of coaching different teams/sports in different leagues with the YMCA. + The YMCA invests more in the El Dorado community each year than the actual dollars they raise. And the YMCA raises significant funds in El Dorado each year to support their mission and programs. + The City's Rec Dept is aware many youth and families are going outside of El Dorado to access more robust youth sports programs. Why not fully benefit from having those opportunities and resources be available within our own community? + The Rec Dept Staff, possibly its Committee Members, know the reasons why families leave town for youth sports. Yet they continue to not want to change, revise or modernize their long standing, antiquated rec dept rules/protocols for youth sports. + Honestly, the actions of families in the El Dorado Community leaving for more robust youth sports programs speaks louder than words. + This needs to be fully acknowledged in evaluating this proposal along with how unorganized the current state of youth sports is for a community of our size and resources. + Rec League: Nothing Would Change. These events stay in town, just better options and programs. + Intermediate and Advanced: The argument of cost and fees has no merit for these options. So many El Dorado area families already willingly incur the additional expenses for these leagues the Rec does not provide options for. This re-alignment would actually bring intermediate level events to El Dorado. I would reiterate the Y has great financial assistance programs and families/coaches are typically willing to help with transportation. + This would provide a much-needed opportunity to better align the youth sports programs and athletic programs of area schools. It would provide a consistent path for those who desire to participate in competitive, organized athletics in middle school and/or high school. + This information is 100% for improving access to quality sports programs, activities, instruction and development opportunities, and experiences for the youth of El Dorado, the families of the youth, and those in the surrounding area. □ + The support, resources, infrastructure, and overall mission of the Greater Wichita Area YMCA organization is impressive. Why not let our community, its youth and area schools' benefit?

93	You did not mention that you require a YMCA jersey, that increases the cost by \$15, while your child might be able to wear it one year, it is likely that you will have to buy bigger size the following year. I personally prefer the how the City/REC runs it's programs. They do a great job and at a very affordable cost, which allows for more kids to be able to play. The YMCA cost is too much and I fear you will loose out on a lot of kids. If someone want sot play in a more advanced league, Andover is not that far to go to and sign up there.	4/23/2021 9:51 AM
94	I think there should be some hybrid with the selection process allowing kids to stay together while also allowing children to move teams.	4/23/2021 8:50 AM
95	I hate to see any group going to Andover and Wichita. Stay in El Dorado. It's too competitive in Andover and Wichita-It's out of control. Good, quality programs are important. Ask businesses to sponsor teams. Our kids are burned out by the time they get to high school and our numbers are down. If they continue to be on the same team time after time what happens when they get to high school and have to play with other kids? What happens when they have to play with other kids? There is an unhealthy mentality about sports in this town. Can we just teach our kids the fundamentals of the game instead of creating the next high school star team at age 6?!	4/23/2021 5:45 AM
96	Don't really care as long as whoever does it finds coaches and doesn't wait until a week before games to look for one.	4/23/2021 4:45 AM

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97	None. The Y will do a good job and relieve some pressure off the City.	4/22/2021 11:09 PM
98	The selection of athletic ability in El Dorado is very slim due to our population being lower than that of Wichita. If a team is composed of only El Dorado kids in a YMCA league then they will get their butts kicked every game. Is there an opportunity for intermingled city teams? At least for the advanced leagues? This would allow El Dorado kids who play at a higher level the opportunity to advance and be challenged.	4/22/2021 10:50 PM
99	As a former athlete growing up in a similar sized town, the importance and impact of playing sports together with the same group of kids year after year, was extremely beneficial. Now, as a current coach, I want the same opportunities for our children. Being able to build on previous seasons with the same group of kids is not only beneficial for the coaches, but also for the camaraderie within the children. I've experienced coaching on both drafted/recreational only teams within El Dorado and also full team registered in recreational leagues in Andover YMCA. The competition between the two is incomparable. My child, who is a decent athlete, but has similar talent levels within his age group with other kids, became bored playing within the El Dorado recreational sports, and would play down to his competition therefore reverting back to old habits that was coached out of him playing in more competitive leagues. If we want El Dorado to be able to compete with surrounding towns in sports, we need for them to have the same opportunities I and many other people had growing up, and be able to stick/play together against better competition.	4/22/2021 10:28 PM
100	The cost increase is my greatest concern. My family does not qualify for fee reduction but with 3 kids in sports, we would not be able to afford to have the kids participate at the new prices.	4/22/2021 10:12 PM
101	What happens to the kids who may have good skills but do not have the means or support to travel? What happens to the recreational league if you take the best, most skilled players out? How do they decide who gets to play in the Intmed. & Advanced Leagues? The Ys pricing structure does not fit the needs of our families in this community i.e. 60% free/reduced lunches. We think current Rec staff do a very fine job now. Why upset the cart? Who do these changes really benefit the most — the privileged & well-connected or the poor?	4/22/2021 9:56 PM
102	Youth rec sports are better served by being run through the city via parent volunteers. The cost increases proposed by the Y appear to be price gouging (join the Y or pay. a higher price to play sorts) and make participation cost prohibitive for many families including those with multiple children. Where does this money go? Will coaches continue to be parent volunteers or hired and paid through the Y? How will the system work with neighboring communities who have competed with El Dorado Rec in various sports? Who determines what "level" a child's is competing at and the quality of coaching f they receive?	4/22/2021 9:45 PM
103	All the local sales for uniforms and equipment would likely leave our town and be funneled through Wichita businesses.	4/22/2021 9:34 PM
104	N/a	4/22/2021 8:57 PM
105	None. Thank you for your time in considering this merger/ transition. Our kids need a change.	4/22/2021 8:51 PM
106	The local control will be lost. El Dorado will fall under the cookie cutter Y programming. It also seems to further the gap between the haves and the have nots. Yes, you've mentioned scholarships, but what about the gas money it would take for some families to take their kids to Wichita to participate. I don't trust that they will actually do what they say. After all, the Y is always about the bottom dollar despite the fact they say they're not for profit.	4/22/2021 8:33 PM
107	I do not want it to happen	4/22/2021 8:16 PM
108	I think the price hike is way too much for many parents. I know several that have had trouble paying up to now. Maybe the increase could be less making sure scholarships are EASILY applied for and not real complicated guidelines	4/22/2021 8:14 PM
109	If the Y takes over sports, that will eventually mean layoffs and most likely the collapse of the rec department as a whole. Why does the Y want to get rid of the rec SO badly?	4/22/2021 8:12 PM
110	I have no other concerns at this time.	4/22/2021 8:12 PM
111	The YMCA wont dedicate enough space for practices. The City has such a small town pride feel and doing sports with a corporate company will change that. My children and I love the staff and the coaches. We love playing for the city!	4/22/2021 8:11 PM

YMCA Recreation Proposal Survey

112	I think the Y assuming the youth sports programming would be the best option for our children and their growth. I appreciate all the hard work that was put into this proposal and hope that the city and the Y will work together to promote a better sports program for our youth.	4/22/2021 8:10 PM
113	The price. More travel. The ymca having Less coaches.	4/22/2021 8:09 PM

Facebook comments

Kyle McLaren

I did the survey and I appreciate asking for input, but the survey lacks validity.

Josh Marrs

We tried going through the ymca for several sports tee ball gymnastics dance and swimming. All were very poor run and my child didn't learn much

Jack Basgall

As long as they leave baseball alone

Shawn Dean

I don't think eldorado knows what little league tournament are and missing the boat on making money !

LeAna Mitchell

I hope the complete survey results are available to the City.

Sarah Hinde Grunder

Would love to see a 6th grade flag football option.

Michell Ray

This is absolutely outrageously priced for recreational league! You might as well sign your child up for club ball and get better coaches for all kids and more time/effort put into practices for these kinds of prices! Plus having to drive to west Wichita for every single game for Rec league? No. I'd rather pay that kind of money or more for club and get more out of it.

Jackson Mitchell

totally agreed

Mary Olin

In a community where the free and reduced lunch rate is over 70% at most of the schools... the cost seems unreasonable.

Jackson Mitchell

For those prices you can have better coaches, better facilities, better competition playing club level. IMO

Crystyl Hopkins

Why not let the YMCA do all sports since they already are doing most of them? I guess I'm confused as to why the Rec would keep baseball only...

Tiffany Dunn

I like how the city limited protected players. I just don't understand why even consider this? The city running it was going just fine!

Katherine Johnson-

City of El Dorado Parks & Recreation

how do we vote no? The prices are the reason we do not wish to do a sole YMCA program.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
March 17, 2021
Minutes

Members Present:

Loren Anthony
Tyson Nielsen
Brett Remsberg
Camielle Austin
Russ McCaig

Members Absent:

Visitors:

Matt Engel
Wendy Scribner

Commission Representative:

Kendra Wilkinson

Staff Present:

Kevin Wishart Don Argo Brian Urton David Dillner Tabitha Sharp

Brett moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.
Camielle seconded.
Motion carried 5 – 0.

YMCA Proposal for Youth Sports Programming

- Kevin stated that Matt and Wendy were present to answer any questions regarding the proposal from the YMCA.
- Russ asked what the difference is for in the price structure between basketball and soccer.
- Matt stated that the El Dorado Y does not officiate or manage the advanced basketball, it is done through the Farha Sports Center. He stated that he thought that the cost difference is likely related to the costs for that facility and the workers.
- Tyson asked if the Y would form their own league if the City declines their proposal.
- Matt stated that their hope is that the City will consider the proposal, he did not know what discussions would look like moving forward if the proposal was declined.
- Loren asked if they competed with Andover in their rec leagues there.
- Matt stated that he believed they had a relationship and worked together.
- Brett asked about basketball.
- Matt stated that it was two separate seasons.
- Brett asked where they would do games.
- Matt stated that there are three levels, all advanced will be played here. Intermediate will be played about half of the time here. Recreational will be played here.
- Russ asked if the City was considering an expansion of the activity center.
- David stated that the school district was not interested in an expansion when it was discussed.
- Matt stated that there is a path to support as many children as we can so that everyone can play. He stated that there is a difference in the price point, but the campaign allows him to give scholarships to assist children who cannot afford these rates. He stated that the goal is to maximize the participation.
- Brett asked if the clinics that Corey would do would be open to all kids or just Y participants.
- Matt stated that the clinic would be run through the gym at the Y, but all kids would be welcome.

- Russ confirmed that they would be able to keep teams together through the years.
- Matt stated that they would.
- Russ asked if the city felt this proposal was a benefit.
- Kevin stated that the city will support what the community believes is best for the children. He stated that this is an advisory board decision and staff will support the decision.
- Brett felt that there needed to be an opportunity for community feedback before they made a decision.
- Kevin stated that if Brett made a motion for that, they would do so.
- Brett moved to host a community feedback session.
- Camielle seconded the motion.
- Russ stated that the only pushback he has ever had on this proposal was that the Y programming was a participation trophy league. He stated that allowing teams to stay together will help, but he feared that teams would bail out if they saw that the Y was involved.
- Matt stated that after 6U, there are no participation trophies. He stated that everyone still gets to play and they recommend teams move levels if they are exceling in a lower level league.
- Loren asked if there was a deadline for the meeting.
- Brett stated that he was open to any timing.
- Matt stated that for the Y to ensure that there is a smooth transition, he would like to hire someone in early summer so that they could be trained in time for fall sports.
- Brian asked if it would be a good idea to get the proposal out to the public.
- David stated that we could get it on the website and put announcements on the Facebook page.
- Motion carried 5 – 0.

Sales Tax Requests

- Kevin stated that the sales tax committee is meeting to hear requests for projects. He stated that there would be requests for the McDonald Stadium, West Park Development, bleacher replacements at all ball fields and the activity center, Forest Park repairs, and repaving at the south side of Sunset Lawns and Belle Vista. He stated that the Parks and Recreation Department requests total \$506,071.
- Tyson asked if there was space at Vintage to place a park.
- Kevin stated that Criss Park is just west of the Homestead Facility.
- Loren stated that he thought each new development was supposed to leave parkland.
- Kevin stated that there is space on the west side in the Griler Addition, he was unsure about Vintage Place.
- Kevin stated that the committee will hear those requests and some from other departments at the end of the month.
- Brett asked if sales tax was the same each year.
- David stated that it is up a little this year, the last three years were record-breaking years.

Spring Activities

- Kevin stated that there were 146 soccer players registered. He stated that coaches will meet next week and practices will start the week after.
- Kevin stated that there will be 25-27 teams between baseball and softball. He stated that they are still working through enrollments, there are approximately 125 in baseball and 128 in softball. He stated that there ten and a half out of district teams, the half is the result of a Bluestem team that needs more members and will take from the El Dorado draw.

- Kevin stated that there were 60 people who signed up for the walking program.
- Kevin stated that Pitch, Hit and Run will be April 12th.
- Loren asked if the Y proposal is declined, will we still be able to play rec soccer at the Middle School fields.
- Kevin stated that there are several options, continuing the current agreement with the Y at the Middle School, play at the lake, or come up with a new place.

New Business

- There was none.

Director's Report

- Kevin stated that they continue to work on the online registration system for facilities and activities. He stated that the goal for that is June.
- Kendra asked if it will include the Depot and Civic Center.
- Kevin stated that they hope to include those facilities, the programmers are working on it.
- Kevin stated that last Friday interviews for seasonal positions started. He stated that they are looking for umpires and some lifeguards still.
- Kevin stated that they have spent a great deal of time at McDonald Stadium in the last few weeks. The outfield fence at McDonald has been repaired and repainted and the irrigation system is in and ready. He stated that they are working on the fencing at the softball fields. He stated that the batting cage at Central should be done in the next week if weather is cooperative. He stated that they will then spend some time at the lake to get those fields ready.
- Kevin stated that they have several meetings over the next few weeks for coaches and new staff.
- Kevin stated that he plans to fill the pool earlier than normal in order to get lifeguard training complete sooner.
- Kevin stated that they will begin adult activities again, starting with women's volleyball this spring and coed softball this summer.
- Russ asked if there is a pickleball league.
- Kevin stated that there is not an official league, but there is an unofficial group that plays at the Activity Center and at the Sam Binter complex.
- Kevin stated that the City is advertising for a part-time tennis instructor in order to bring back a youth tennis program.
- Kevin asked when they wanted to schedule the meeting with the Y.
- David stated that they could begin by sending out a survey to parents who have enrolled in the past. He stated they could then host a public meeting in a few weeks.
- Kevin stated that he would keep the board up to date on the meeting date and time.
- Loren asked who would be presenting it.
- David stated that he felt that the Y would do the presentation, the City would facilitate the forum.

Adjourn 6:53 p.m.

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
April 6, 2021
Minutes**

Members Present:

Loren Anthony
Tyson Nielsen
Brett Remsberg
Camielle Austin
Russ McCaig

Members Absent:

Visitors:

Commission Representative:

Kendra Wilkinson

Staff Present:

Kevin Wishart Don Argo Tabitha Sharp

YMCA Proposal Community Survey and Forum Discussion

- Kevin stated that the purpose of the meeting was to see if the group was okay with the questions that are being used on the survey and to make sure they answer the questions needed for the board to make a recommendation.
- Russ stated that without the charges from the Y and the City, he might not be able to answer questions about cost.
- Russ also stated that he didn't like the phrase take over.
- Brett recommended that we use assume responsibilities instead.
- Kendra thought that the first question should be moved after the other questions in order to make sure that people answered all of the questions.
- Russ agreed.
- Loren felt that the first questions allows them to say what they want and then build how to get there.
- Tyson and Brett thought that they might not read the whole thing, but hoped they would attend the forum.
- Kevin stated that the people who attend the forum will get the survey at the end of the meeting. After both forums have been done, the survey will be e-mailed to past program registrants.
- Camielle asked if we could live stream from the civic center.
- Kevin stated that it hadn't come up yet, but we could possibly do it.
- Russ asked if there would be significant cost associated with the surveys.
- Kevin stated that it would be minimal.
- Loren asked if the proposal from the Y would be available.
- Kevin stated that it would be online and in paper form.
- Kevin stated that for the forum, they picked two nights on two different weeks at the Civic Center. He stated that the Y will make a presentation and then there will be a question and answer session for those in attendance. April 22 and 27 at 6:30 and 5:30 respectively.
- Tyson had to leave at 6:24 p.m.
- Russ asked about the turn-around time on the survey results.
- Tabitha stated that staff could probably have them entered about a week after they were due.

- Russ moved to approve the survey with amendments as discussed.
- Camielle seconded.
- Motion carried 4-0.

- Russ moved to proceed with the community forum as presented.
- Camielle seconded.
- Motion carried 4 – 0.

Adjourn 6:32 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
May 19, 2021
Minutes

Members Present:

Loren Anthony
Tyson Nielsen
Brett Remsberg
Camielle Austin

Members Absent:

Russ McCaig

Visitors:

Commission Representative:

Kendra Wilkinson

Staff Present:

Kevin Wishart Don Argo David Dillner Tabitha Sharp

Brett moved to accept the March 17, 2021 minutes as presented.

Tyson seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4 – 0.

YMCA Proposal

- Chair Loren Anthony stated that staff have told the board that a new proposal has been presented, he asked if the board was in favor of hearing the new proposal.
- The board voted 4 – 0 to hear the new proposal.
- Matt Engel stated that after seeing the results of the survey, the YMCA felt that there was significant issue with the cost and so they have submitted a new proposal with the costs changed. He stated that they have changed the recreation sports cost to \$25 for members and non-members. He stated that the rate is more affordable to the middle class in El Dorado, and they will continue to offer scholarships to anyone who applies. He stated that the other thing that changed is that there would be no free sport activity in the first year because the rate structure is more affordable now.
- Matt stated that he felt that there is still a lot of confusion surrounding the proposal and he hopes that everyone understands that the YMCA is trying to provide a good program that helps the community.
- Camielle Austin asked if the price will remain at \$25 in the future.
- Matt stated that he anticipates it will. He stated that if there are increases, they will be minor \$1 or \$2 increases over time.
- Brett Remsberg stated that he was concerned that the survey was over a different proposal, and changing the proposal now was not going to be reflective of that survey.
- Matt stated that he knew it was a last minute change, but he met with his supervisors last night and received approval earlier today. He stated that if the board looks at the other issues in the survey, he felt that their proposal could address those.
- Brett stated that he was concerned that competitiveness is not enough to keep the program going.
- Matt stated that he felt the divisions provide a spot for every kid and other programs will supplement any lag in the more competitive leagues. He stated that he felt sports were important for child development.

- Loren asked if there was a proposal like this in the greater YMCA area.
- Matt stated that he felt each city was different. He wasn't aware of others, but they were providing this proposal out of respect for their relationship with the city.
- Camielle asked if the YMCA would be willing to do another video and survey.
- Matt stated that they feel strongly that their proposal is good and he didn't feel it was necessary to do another survey.
- Brett stated that he didn't feel like the survey answered any of the questions.
- Matt stated that there were questions that weren't on the survey that would have given us better information.
- Mike Payton stated that his family has participated in El Dorado sports from the time that they moved here. He stated that when his children were ready for more competitive leagues, he sought out other opportunities. He stated that he is against the proposal, he felt that the connections in the community and with the recreation department staff are solid. He felt that the same comradery would not be available through the YMCA. He stated that to have good competitive sports, there needed to be a relationship with other areas and he felt there wasn't enough information on the different levels to make a good decision.
- Loren stated that as a citizen of El Dorado, the recreation department has done a great job working for the children of El Dorado. He asked Kevin if the recreation board could continue as they were.
- Kevin stated that they could, they would continue to work and bring changes and new programming to the recreation board.
- Loren asked about offering competitive programming.
- Kevin stated that more competitive programs are already available through the YMCA and travel leagues today. He stated that there is nothing that prevents both entities offering programming moving forward. He stated that he believes that the community will choose what is best for them. He felt it wasn't an adversarial relationship with the YMCA, it was just an opportunity for choice in the City of El Dorado.
- Loren moved that the El Dorado recreation department continue to offer programming as they have and to reject the proposal from the YMCA.
- Camielle seconded the motion.
- The board felt that their questions had been answered.
- Motion carried 4 – 0.

Spring Activities

- Kevin stated that we are a week into the baseball/softball season. He stated that they have been rained out this week, but will continue when the weather allows. He stated that there are 428 participants between t-ball and 15U softball/baseball leagues. He stated that the numbers are on par with the 2019 season.
- Kevin stated that tennis is being offered this summer. He stated that there are 27 in camp and 12 in the league, there is some cross over between enrollment.
- Loren asked what the age groups were.
- Don stated incoming 3rd – 5th and incoming 6th – 8th.
- Kevin stated that registrations are still coming in.
- Camielle asked if the online registrations are available yet.
- Kevin stated that it will be live soon.

- Kevin stated that lifeguard training is beginning this week. He stated that graciously the YMCA has offered to allow some of the training to happen in their indoor pool. He stated that they will be done the day the pool opens, May 29th.
- Kevin stated that the splash pads will be open on the 29th of May.
- Kevin stated that we have hired approximately 70 young people for the summer activities.
- Kevin stated that Brian has been working with the umpires and getting them trained. He stated that the staff is young, but they are doing well.
- Loren asked if they had enough lifeguards.
- Kevin stated that there are 18, but they would prefer 23 or 24.
- Brett asked if they anticipated more traffic at the pool this year.
- Kevin stated that they will be fully open this year. He stated that they will be closed on Mondays and offer free swim days on Wednesdays. He stated that they are limiting private parties because of the limited staff. He stated that lifeguard shortage is not just a local problem, he stated that it is a problem nationwide.

New Business

- Tyson Nielsen asked how he could do a fundraiser for the recreation department. He stated that his team plays in a handful of tournaments each year that provide funding for the parks and recreation departments. He stated that they often go to small towns that don't have nearly what we have.
- Kevin stated that he felt that the planning could begin any time, but felt that the City Manager would have to answer the fundraising part.
- David stated that he felt it could be done.
- Tyson stated that he thought they could recruit ten or fifteen teams and have a small tournament.
- David stated that the Destination Services Coordinator was ready to start recruiting tournaments and could help.
- Tyson complimented the softball fields, he stated that they were better than most of the surrounding fields.
- Kendra asked if she could make a few comments on the survey. She stated that there was 62% in favor of a change in the leagues. She stated that she read the survey and all of the comments as well as attending both public meetings. She stated that most of the reactions were not from people who read the proposal. She stated that she didn't feel that the recreation board had listened to the proposal with an open mind. She stated that the recreation staff is woefully understaffed and we are asking them to do more with less. She stated that if they aren't willing to look at this proposal, the recreation board needs to talk to Kevin about staffing issues and present the City Commission with a proposal requesting more staff.
- Brett stated that it was not the job of the board to present the YMCA proposal.
- Camielle stated that if they were willing to go back to the public with the new proposal, she would consider changing her vote. She felt that a shortened survey would have provided her with more information for an informed vote.
- Tyson stated that he did not disagree that the department was understaffed. He stated that he also agreed that they tried to fix the money issues, but were not interested in going back to the public for more conversation. He didn't feel that he could make a decision without the input of the citizens.

- Loren stated that the question on individual sports stated that people were in favor of the city retaining the recreation programming. He stated that he didn't feel like the Y was trying to work with the city, they were just trying to take over the programming.
- Kendra asked David to tell the board how they could move forward.
- David stated that a conversation would be had about how to better staff the parks and recreation department and include that proposal in the budget being provided to the Commission. He stated that having a conversation about raising taxes is often difficult and there are needs in many departments, but the Commission would have to make that decision.
- Camielle asked Kevin what he needed for a full staff.
- Kevin stated that he couldn't answer that question at this time.

Director's Report

- Kevin stated that on June 23rd, there will be an event called the Forest Park Showcase. It will be a family friendly talent show.
- Kevin stated that the 4th of July event will take place on July 3rd in conjunction with the El Dorado Broncos game.
- Kevin stated that as mentioned before, the online registration system will be available soon. He stated that it is their intention to roll it out for fall events.

Adjourn 7:02 p.m.