Beach Committee Meeting 6/9/21

Start: 7:07pm

End: 8:05pm

Prepared by: Steve Koenigsberg

Attendance: Ami Nickel, Michelle Cromwell, Steve Koenigsberg, Pat Degnan, Glen Katz, Chris Kleinwaks, Josh Kroll, Frances Zegar

Discussion:

* Beach 1 parking blocks installed and working great
* Lifeguards
  + We are still short of where we want to be and still looking to hire
  + Discussed trying to get an instructor to offer a certification class at WML and have Beach Committee offset cost to attract 15/16 yr olds
  + Also discussed offering a bonus at end of season to existing lifeguards to offset their recertification expenses from beginning of season
  + For next years’ budget – need to have serious discussion on salary for lifeguards
    - We are not competitive and big part of why we are losing candidates
* Drum pool failed inspection this week – nothing major, slightly over limits – CPO notified and pool treated will be reinspected and approved before weekend
* 10x10 tents were put at Beach 1 / Beach 2 / Drum Pool for additional shade at gate
* Michelle discussed wanting to start a beach buddy program – hiring 14/15 yr olds to work hours at the beach to help facilitate games / programs for the kids – and use that to spark interest in the lifeguard program going forward
* Discussion on working on a lifeguard appreciation program we can run to show how much we appreciate the amazing work they are doing already
* Discussion on hiring of Gate Badge Checkers for rest of summer – salary no more than $12/hr. We are currently using Camp Counselors to fill in -but once camp starts they will no longer be available due to max hours per week they already work
* Discussion on lifeguard staff meeting coming up in two weeks – WML Resident that is certified in crisis management / de-escalation has offered to give a lesson to guards at meeting – currently planned for June 23rd at Club House
* Discussion on Beach 1 playground replacement. Chris Kleinwaks has been reaching out to Playground reps. Responses have been slow due to previous months of Covid shutdowns. Costs are currently much higher due to addl costs on transport / raw materials. Goal is to come up with a budget number to replace all equipment at beach 1 and vote on a line item in the 2022 budget. Then get quotes that fit within that line item in the budget.
* Discussed security issues at gates and need to work with Security Committee to come up with additional solutions – Lifeguards doing an amazing job so far.
* Discussed swim area – lake raking – working to get estimate for all swim areas to build into 2022 budget

Submitted by: Steve Koenigsberg-Co-Chair

Approved by: Glen Katz-OIC