

CHCA Meeting Final Minutes
September 2024 - Approved 10/08/2024

1. **Attendance** - Leslie Caruso, Matt McKeegan, Alan Mirosław, Brittany Smith, Will Pearce, Mary Ann Ogle, Rachael Dorothy, Eric Dotseth, and Robyn Stewart
2. **Review/Approve prior month's minutes** – *Mary Ann motion, Will second, passed.*
3. **Presentation by City Manager Robyn Stewart on Issue 19 (Outdoor Pool Bond Levy)**

Robyn provided a PowerPoint and a flier on Issue #19: Outdoor Pool Bond Levy. Alan confirmed with Will that we can post the handouts. Swiminc, the nonprofit that operates the public pool, approached the city for help with funding a replacement for the public outdoor pools, built in the 1950-1960s. The estimated cost is \$15.4 million. The city cannot fully fund this, so they are proposing a bond levy to cover \$11.4 million of the cost while contributing \$4 million.

If the levy passes:

 - They are projecting a detailed design in 6 months with a construction period of 9-12 months. Construction would begin next Summer; the pools would be open for a partial season in 2026.
 - The school would lend the property to the city for a nominal fee and shared parking with the school would continue.
 - Swiminc would continue to manage day-to-day pool operations and build a relationship with the city.
 - Membership rates would have a three-tier structure: nonresident, school district, and city. The city residents would have the lowest rate.
 - Tax collection for the 0.94 levy would begin in 2025.
 - Robyn confirmed that the current and proposed pools would be similar in capacity.

The group asked questions:

 - Mary Ann asked if all school district residents will vote.
Robyn explained that the vote/levy impacts all property owners within city limits.
 - Leslie asked who will maintain parking.
Robyn explained that the schools will take care of the lot. She explained the indoor pool, outdoor pool, and academics share and will continue to share the lot.
 - Matt asked why they cannot use money from property reappraisals.
Robyn explained that the city's primary revenue is from income tax, which is about \$2.5 million, and they only levy about \$5 million now. So, this would require a much bigger increase.
 - Eric asked if they have evaluated what to do if it does not pass.
Robyn explained that the pool has passed the recognized life expectancy of a pool (~50 years), and they are not sure.
 - Robyn encouraged everyone to vote on the November 5th ballot.
4. **Treasurer's Report**
 - **Fund Balances/New Account Open**
 - Matt sent the P&L reports (one comparing to the full year, 2023, and the other comparing through 9/9/2023) and reconciliation forms for checking and savings

accounts through August, via email. He noted the balances were about \$19,336 in checking and about \$3,500 in savings.

- Matt noted that we are getting a 5.25% interest to start with in the new money market account; this may equate to about a gain of about \$800/year. Fantastic job, Matt!
- **Membership Drive Results to Date**
 - Matt said that we are about 2% ahead of this time from last year for membership drive results. He noted that although we took a hit from the decrease in 5K and Courier ad payments, the increase in sponsorship helped keep the balance in line with 2023.

5. New Business/Upcoming Events

- **Storeroom Organizing Project 9.28.24**
 - The group confirmed that we are still on for 9/28/24 at 10:00 AM. Leslie volunteered to bring donuts.
 - Alan asked if we need storage bins. Leslie recommended that folks bring extras if they have them.
- **Halloween Party/Pumpkin Patch**
 - Prior to the meeting, Brittany sent an email detailing what she purchased for the Halloween party, the plan for the stations, ideas for the event, and the number of volunteers needed. She spent about \$456 total on candy (~1,170 pieces), craft kits (~192 kits), and prizes (~636 prizes). She confirmed with Matt that she will email him the receipts. She noted in the email that she plans to pick up snacks and water prior to the party. Brittany also said she may pick up additional prizes. Leslie noted that she thinks we may need more candy and offered to contribute. Brittany stated that we need about 12 - 15 volunteers. Leslie noted that more volunteers are better. Alan offered to post a sign-up genius.
 - The group talked about a couple of the additional ideas. Alan offered to bring Halloween music. Brittany and Alan agreed that it would be doable to set up donation boxes for both winter gear and Halloween costumes. Leslie suggested that we could use moving boxes or extra storage bins.
- **Halloween Decorating Contest**
 - The group confirmed Dave Nadolny plans to chair this event.
- **Officer Nominations/Applications**
 - Alan confirmed that he will post this. The group discussed how long they have been volunteering with the CHCA. Will said that he populated the website's administration section with officer history dating back to 1991.
- **Trustee for District #37**
 - Will said that he wrote a blog post for the open trustee and luminary spots and gave the identical text to Chris for the Courier.

6. September Courier

- Leslie stated that she will follow up with Chris.
- After the meeting, Chris sent an email with a draft of the September Courier, pending a couple items. Will reviewed it.

7. Public Comments

- Matt asked if he may destroy records older than 7 years. The group confirmed that he could proceed.

- Mary Ann said that she plans to have a “shred it” day at her house and will invite others to join.
- Jim Rundle told Will that Dan Button completed construction of the Spotlight Box, but it is in the process of staining. Dan said that he will discuss installation with Colleen, as that will depend on when the city can work it in.

8. Adjourn- *Mary Ann motion, Will second.*