

MCDAB December 8th Meeting

Members present: Dawson Brown, Jennessa Crosswy, Maura Wroblewski, Tracey Bailey, Gene Velez-Graham, Matt Mclellan, Amy Patterson

The meeting began at approximately 6:07 pm. First order of business was the Making Waves Program at the YMCA. At this moment, we are uncertain if the Y would want to continue this event due to the pandemic. Maura will email Daniel Kasambira and will provide the group an update on the status.

Next, we discussed the Making Waves Holiday Party with Sensory Friendly Party. This is a “drive thru” event on December 13th. Gene made a motion to spend \$500-\$600 and the group decided on gift cards from a donut shop on County Line Road (Dunkin Donuts, Wow or Big Foot Little Donuts). Norma Pedersen joined the meeting at this point and asked that she receive the gift cards by Saturday. She also suggested that donut places might be willing to give “free donut” cards instead of gift cards. She stated that she has 127 registered and the group agreed on 135 gift cards. Dawson seconded Gene’s motion and the group was in favor. Maura will attempt to get gift cards or donut cards from the businesses on Wednesday, get a check from Dawson and get the items to Norma asap.

Jennessa asked Tracey if the schools were still in need of food for the holiday drives. Tracey stated that Michelle Hyams was spearheading this effort and she would touch base with her as to what the needs are. Tracey will report back to group.

Matt gave a brief update on the status of the playground. A steering committee has been formed and their first meeting is set for next week. This committee involves community and city leaders. They are in the process of obtaining the survey from GrowCove which should aid us when trying to determine community needs. A voiceover for the promotional video has been made. The hope is this video can be shown to garner sponsors. Jennessa asked about the Phoenix grant and the possibility that we request the grant to aid with the site survey. Matt explained that the site survey is already taken care of and Gametime does not charge a design fee. Jennessa will look at the grant application and complete the application by the deadline, January 31, 2021.

Jennessa and the group feels that our meetings will continue to be virtual. However, Maura reminded the group that she has reserved Council Chambers for an in-person meeting for the next couple of months.

Gene informed the group that she received Teacher of the Month at Sparkman. Congrats Gene!

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:40pm.