

**TOWN OF BRIGHTON  
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Minutes  
December 19, 2018  
9:30 a.m.  
Brookside – Rec. Dept.**

**PRESENT: Marilyn Rosen, Sue Gardner Smith, Supervisor Moehle, Robin Wilt, Christine Corrado, Matt Beeman, Rebecca Cotter**

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER** 9:34 am

**OPEN FORUM**

Marilyn Rosen – CURB

(Community Uprooting Racism in Brighton)

- Discussion of creating a portable display of local African American Historical material that has already been assembled by MaryJo Lanphear
- CURB would like to see the information reach a larger audience by having the ability to mount it and display it in multiple locations around town
- Pricing is currently being sought
- Looking for funding to purchase the display screens
- In addition, CURB would also like to see specific material added to the History section of the Town Website regarding a more inclusive history

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Approved, 9:36 am

November 21, 2018

**CONTINUING BUSINESS**

**Park Issues: Matt Beeman**

- Parks Department is preparing for the new budget cycle
- Department has implemented numerous equipment repairs in 2018 that will get the Parks off to a good start in 2019
- A new addition in the 2019 budget includes money for Gazebo repair at Twelve Corners, whose maintenance responsibilities have been transferred from the Highway Department to the Parks Department
- Matt has been in ongoing discussions with the Lorax Club from BHS, which would like to continue to focus on tree planting at Buckland Park, and add to the 25 – 30 trees that have already been planted in 2018. Mitch Nellis of the Sustainability Oversight Committee has been a partner and liaison to the group
- Ideally, we would like to continue this approach of planting trees and growing community partnerships to enhance the parks and increase shade in the parks
- There is a goal to plant in between ash trees at Meridian Centre Park, so that there will be established trees if the Ash trees are lost to disease

**Recreation Programs: Rebecca Cotter**

- Winter/Spring Brochure is out and available, Resident Registration for winter programming begins January 2<sup>nd</sup>
- The Department is very happy with the changes that have been made to the brochure to make it more appealing to users for 2019
- Discussion of BCSD construction projects and its impact to major recreation programming, in particular alternate locations for Summer camp programming and the impacts that construction will have for this summer, and subsequent summers throughout the 2021 capital improvement phase.
- BCSD has been very good at sharing information and doing what they can to accommodate our programs, but inevitably there will be impacts to program offerings, in terms of the number of children that we are able to serve.
- The Recreation Department is committed to finding creative ways to minimize the impact and safely serve as many families as possible!
- Buckland Farmhouse programming planning continues. A docent handbook will be generated and a schedule of programs will be developed. An inquiry for docents appeared in the Winter/Spring brochure for those who are interested

### **Winter Farm Market Update**

- Contracts are being finalized with BLM Construction, Inc. for Phase 1 of the Market
- There will be a January Ground Breaking Ceremony scheduled
- Phase 2 RFP is being created now to include mostly site infrastructure: parking, utilities, trails, etc

### **Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Advisory Committee Update**

- RFP for consultant has been finalized and has been published for response.
- We are taking steps to ensure it's being seen by diverse groups
- There is a January deadline for response
- The consultant will work with our Committee of 18 that has already been finalized, with varied term lengths (between one and three years).

### **Community Choice Aggregation Law Update**

- MOU has now been adopted by the Towns of Brighton, Irondequoit and Pittsford, as well as the Village of Pittsford
- Moving forward with a draft RFP

### **Beautification Committee Update**

- Membership of 7 has been finalized
- Members are in the process of being sworn in
- Work will start after the first of the year
- Immediate work will be with Clean Sweep Event
- Hope to engage with the Chamber and other community organizations to be inclusive of all areas of Town

### **Brighton Safe Streets for All Update**

- Held one in person meeting

- Various discussions with community stakeholders (both neighborhood groups and support organizations) have taken place regarding moving forward with a behavioral change initiative in Brighton
- In particular, the Rochester-based Pace car program is a model that we are looking to emulate, with more data acquisition in mind.
- We also examined the Drive 2 Be Better initiative
- We discussed the potential for collaboration with the Pittsford Bike/Walk initiative to create continuity between the two jurisdictions. Christine Corrado met with Renee Stetzer of Reconnect to discuss potential avenues for collaboration.

### **Small Business Saturday and Special Events Law Update**

- Hopeful that the new Special Events Law will allow the Chamber to host retail-oriented events
- Discussion over A Frame signs and the current code and new law update

### **Councilmember on you Corner Update**

- Bill and Sue Gardner-Smith discussed the potential for inclusion at the Farmers Market on a regular basis
- Goal is to make elected officials more available to the community and increase opportunities for feedback.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Brighton Farmers Market Update – Sue Gardner-Smth**

- Summer season was terrific, great crowds, filled to capacity of 50 vendors weekly
- Finishing out 11<sup>th</sup> year, so it was our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary season
- Abundant, varied crops this year
- The market adheres to their philosophy of sustainably produced food and agriculture products
- Community building has been a very large part of the market
- Community groups and special events rotate through the market weekly
- In 2017, 2500 pounds of food was donated to the Brighton Food Cupboard by vendors and customers
- SNAP Program enables those with benefit cards to be able to purchase fresh local
- Discussion of National SNAP Program and the impacts of recent NYS information
- Press Conference announcing \$1 million in grant funding to move the Winter Farmers Market project forward
- Discussion of Summer Market location
- Winter Market held at Brookside, creates different challenges for the vendors in attendance, space etc...
- The Winter Market is strong and has allowed the farmers to alter their growing practices to be able to continue to provide quality products year round
- Conversation of sustainability of the Market securing it in the Brighton Community for years to come
- Discussion of diversity at the market in both the vendors, customers and musicians
- Efforts are being made to schedule diverse musicians, and bring more diverse programs throughout the year
- Community Garden Update

- 100 plots
- 10<sup>th</sup> year
- All organic
- Woodchucks continue to be plentiful and present at the Community Garden

### **2019 Community Services Committee Meeting Schedule**

- Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> identified as a potential conflict
- New date will be identified

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Black Storytelling League Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Event**

Brighton Memorial Library, 2300 Elmwood Avenue

Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019, 11:00 am

#### **Cabin Fever at Brighton Recreation**

Brookside Recreation Center, 220 Idlewood Rd.

Sunday, January 27, 2019 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Direct Sales vendors, Brighton Wardrobe Sale, Brighton Farmers Market

#### **Semi-Annual DEA Pharmaceutical Take Back Day**

Brighton Town Hall Safety Wing, 2300 Elmwood Avenue

Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

#### **Brighton Little League Opening Day 2019**

Brighton Town Hall Complex, 2300 Elmwood Avenue

Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 – 11:30 am

#### **Brighton Annual Clean Sweep 2019**

Brighton Town Hall, 2300 Elmwood Avenue

Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

#### **Semi-Annual Electronics Recycling and Document Shredding Event**

Brighton Highway Department, 1941 Elmwood Avenue

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

### **NEXT MEETING:**

*Wednesday*

January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

9:30 am Brookside