

Christiansburg Aquatic Center
Advisory Board
August 4, 2021

In attendance: Jeremy Williams, Chair; Steve Simmons, Co-Chair, Bev Bridges, Shirley Hallock, Karen Drake-Whitney, Steve Huppert, Town Council Liaison

Staff in attendance: Terry Caldwell, Director; Maddie Duke, Office Manager

Jeremy called the meeting to order.

Jeremy motioned to accept the minutes from last meeting with one correction, adding Steve Huppert to the list of those in attendance. Steve Simmons seconded the motion.

Terry's Report

1. Summer camp was extended for another week, ending August 6.
2. Activities at the CAC are becoming more "normalized".
 - a. Several water aerobics classes are being offered with many at capacity.
 - b. Several swim meets have been scheduled for 2021-22. The schedule can be found online at www.cacpool.com
 - c. Lifeguard University will begin September 8. This program will start with swim lessons and then transition into lifeguard training.
3. Lifeguard Appreciation Day was celebrated July 30. Staff provided waffles and ice cream to all guards.
4. Private swim lessons are being assigned to swim instructor staff. There is still an extensive waiting list.
5. Lifeguard shortage
 - a. There will be multiple days that lifeguards are not available until after 3 p.m.
 - b. Full-time certified staff will be in guard chairs.
6. CAC Operations Survey
 - a. Terry and staff will discuss further and come up with an operations plan that will be presented at a later meeting.
 - b. If the facility doesn't gain more lifeguards, staff will not be able to remove the reservation system.
7. LED Sign update. AEP will need to add another street pole to allow both sides of the sign to operate. This project has been submitted to AEP.
8. The cable and light replacement project is scheduled to begin in October, if supplies arrive on time. The approximate five-week project will begin on the competitive pool side and move to the leisure, closing one pool at a time. Due to this project, the CAC will not close for annual two-week maintenance.
9. Skatepark parking lot and continuation of paving the walking trail will go out to bid.
10. After hours parties have resumed based on staff availability.
11. The CAC is working with Blacksburg Parks and Recreation on a spring skateboard competition.
12. The CAC will be at the Wilderness Trail Festival, Touch a Truck, and the Job Fair at RU.
13. Upcoming "free day". Staff will wait for staffing to build up and when the lighting project is complete.
14. Patron "thank you" note complimenting lifeguard Cooper Neeble.
15. City of Radford Uses:
 - a. July- 219
16. The CAC will be closed on Labor Day.
17. MCPS has not responded regarding second grade swim lessons. Staff isn't expecting the program to run this year due to Covid restrictions in the schools.

Old Business

1. Lifeguard wage
 - a. The board believes that the lack of staff is not due to wage.

Meet adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 6.