

MINUTES OF THE WATTS ADVISORY GROUP
MEETING HELD AUGUST 22, 2012
6 P.M.

Call to Order. Roll Call. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Hilary Lee, Commissioner. Members of the group in attendance included Steve Gaines, 655 Greenwood, Seth Palatnik, 191 Fairfield, and Jack Weinberg, 111 Ravine Glade. Staff present included Interim Executive Director Steve Nagle and Facilities Manager David Johnson.

Matters from the Public There were no comments

Welcome Ms. Lee welcomed those in attendance and appreciated their participation.

Introduction of Each Member Ms. Lee then asked those present to introduce themselves and give a brief background on their interest in Watts.

Mr. Weinberg began by stating he is a former Board President and Commissioner and an avid hockey advocate. Mr. Gaines stated he is President of Glencoe Youth Services; he would like to enhance recreation and social opportunities at Watts. Mr. Palatnik has lived in Glencoe for nine year and feels that Watts is special for children's lesson. Ms. Lee was one of his children's hockey coaches.

Purpose of Advisory Group Ms. Lee indicated the purpose of the group is to explore expanded uses of the facility for outdoor recreational opportunities as well as programming space in the building. She stated this is not a policy group. Suggestions and recommendations will be presented to a committee of the Board for further discussion and possible action.

Mission and Vision for Watts The meeting then continued with a discussion of the future of Watts. Mr. Nagle stated the Watts facility is used during the school year for District programs and for skating lessons as part of the physical education program offered during the school day by School District #35.

There was general discussion about the changing areas, questions on the Watts capital budget, concern and communications to groups and pre-contact to rental groups, and community use by "pros."

2012 – 2013 Season Information Mr. Nagle stated staff has already contacted previous patrons who have rented ice rink time to plan for the upcoming season and get their preferred time slots selected. Planning is also underway for the annual events at Watts (winter carnival, Watts Classic tournament, etc.). Mr. Nagle indicated the staff is still researching having professional hockey players to use Watts during the season. The Watts Center 2011 - 2012 Survey Results were reviewed.

Other There was no other business.

Adjourn With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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