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REGULAR MEETING, S.T.A.R.S MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD

June 21, 2023

The S.T.A.R.S. Management Advisory Board of the City of Fort Myers, Florida, met in regular session on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 4:00 o'clock p.m. Board Members present were, Michael Morris, Dr. Shadreka McIntosh, Ross Webb, Ron Inge and Chauncy Solinger. Advisory Board Members; Amber Ware and Jazzmen Williams. Board Liaisons Absent: Shanell Harleston.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 04:02 P.M. by Neale Montgomery.

(04:02) Roll call was performed.

NO. 1 MINUTES: (04:03) Ron Inge moved and seconded by Ross Webb to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2023 meeting. The motion carried.

NO. 2 Public Input: (04:03) No public input.

NO. 3 Monthly Report (04:16) Amber Ware, Sr. Center Manager stated that the monthly report included all of our May activities. Mrs. Ware stated that the end of May and beginning of June was used to wind down the school year, and begin summer camp with summer camp training. Mrs. Ware stated that we currently have 300 students enrolled into our summer camp program. Mrs. Ware stated that at the last meeting the board approved the preliminary budget which was given to the Parks and Recreation Director Elgin Hicks, and a budget meeting is being scheduled to discuss things in further detail prior to the second budget workshop. Mrs. Ware stated that she knows we are not having a meeting in July, but if between now and then we if the chairperson can possibly write a letter on behalf of the STARS Management Advisory Board stating our expectations based on last months approval of the budget. Mrs. Ware stated that we will be discussing your approval of the new positions and increases in the budget. Mrs. Ware stated that we have had a 20% increase in revenue each year to cover the things that we ask for however we have not received any new positions other than those we have gotten besides the ones that we have gotten from other collaborations that we have made, like with Career Source Southwest Florida. Mrs. Ware stated that we have an agreement with Fort Myers Middle School, and it is working out very well, we have a record number of middle school students in our summer camp program, and really see this program being successful.

NO. 4. Expansion Update (4:26) Nicole Monahan, City engineer, stated that there have been a lot of hoops to jump through regarding the Pool and FEMA, and there are more requirements that are needed. Mrs. Monahan stated that we do go out to bid, to get the work done to the pool, the contract has been awarded and the contractor is in the permitting stage, and made a resubmittal last week, and have asked the building department to expedite that review, the contractor is eager to get started. Mrs. Monahan stated that some of their scope of work includes; repairing the concrete on the deck area damaged by the storm, straightening the pool gutter, installing a new pool ladder, installing new pool tile, racing lanes, resurfacing the pool, and replacing two pumps, and existing sand filter. Mrs. Monahan stated that as soon as the permits are issued, the work will begin, they are anticipating a preconstruction meeting for next week. Mrs. Monahan stated that for the STARS expansion as a whole, about three years ago, we did construction drawings to the 60% point, that expansion included a new facility as an add on to the existing facility, a second pool, less of a competition pool, and more of a family pool, some renovations on the existing building, and a field house over at Prince Street as long as some sight work, because there were some parking spaces being impacted. Mrs. Monahan stated that everyone has changed firms in three years, so it has been a challenge to get a new proposal together to finish out this design. Mrs.

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Monahan stated that we finally received a proposal last week, and somethings are still above the budget, so there are some decisions that have to be made either increase the budget or decrease the amount of work, or delaying some of the work to a second phase. Mrs. Monahan stated that because the plans are three years old, there have been changes in some of the codes, and things have to be brought up to current code, and then there is the question of when do we build this and how far do we go, knowing that if we get to 100% plans and we do not go ahead and build it right away, there will probably be more code changes that need to be done.

NO. 5. Adjourn (04:43) Ron Inge motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Michael Morris. Motion carried.