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RECREATION COMMISSION

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All of the Recreation Department's programs and services, including the Beede Swim & Fitness Center, operate without tax dollars on a user fee basis. The success of these programs and services enabled the Recreation Department to provide over \$191,000 in financial support to Concord families participating in the summer day camp, school age child care programs and as members of the Beede Center.

Beede Swim & Fitness Center

Opened in 2006, the Center celebrated its 6th year of operation in April. Operating as an Enterprise Fund, the Center does not receive tax support, and relies solely on membership and programing fees to achieve the status of self-support. The Center is open 100 hours per week, 50 weeks per year and is staffed with approximately 60 full and part time employees. The Center is fully handicapped accessible.

Membership is comprised of approximately 3,000 Concord Residents and 1,090 users from surrounding

communities. There are 1,900 memberships supporting approximately 4,100 total members. Member retention has been well above the industry average.

180,669 people from Concord and surrounding communities using the facilities at the Beede Center -- an average of 15,055 visits per month or 502 users per day.

The Beede Center continued to operate "in the black" for FY12 adding to the fund balance for the 6th year. For fiscal year 2012, revenues were \$2,353,215 with expenses of \$2,330,219 resulting in a net income of \$34,592. While the economic recession for the past 5 years has impacted the Beede Center's membership, there was a slight increase in the total membership from 2011.

The Beede Center remains true to its mission to provide the community with an affordable option for health and fitness. For 2012 there was no increase in the fee structure. The staff works hard to contain costs and provide a high level of service. Swim and fitness programs are open to all members of the community. Beede members receive 40% discount on fitness and swim programs.

The Center offers programing for all ages, from infant swim lessons to adult water fitness, to diving and use of the warm water therapy pool. The Department's youth swim team, the Concord Otters, is managed by the aquatics staff. The Beede Center is host to the Concord Carlisle High School swim and dive team for both practices and home meets.

The Fitness Center offers both cardio and strength equipment with highly skilled and fully certified trainers. The equipment is well maintained and replaced every three to four years as needed. There are always trainers on duty to assist members. The trainers also offer personal training for those members that prefer a one-on-one training session.

The Beede Center is committed to conserving energy and going "green" whenever the opportunity arises, as an example cleaning products used at the Center are certified "green" products. The Center also installed a vending station to refill water bottles with chilled and filtered water in an effort to eliminate the use of plastic non-recyclable containers. The lap pool is heated at no cost from the heat generated by the dehumidification system. Waterless urinals were installed to reduce

water consumption. A photovoltaic control system was installed to maximize use of natural lighting and to conserve energy. With financial support from the Sawyer Trust, the Beede Center has been able to implement two projects that will greatly reduce its energy consumption. Variable speed drives were installed on each of the 4 pools the Center maintains, and more efficient lighting was installed in the natatorium, lobby and stairwells. Significant reduction in energy consumption with considerable saving will be realized from both of these projects. Pam Higgins, Assistant Recreation Director served as project manager. We are grateful for the support of the Sustainable Energy Committee, and especially to Charles Parker for his continued efforts and tenacity that brought these important projects to fruition. This year's capital projects included: replacement of all the bikes in the cardio room.

Recreation Department Services

The Recreation Department provides programs for a wide range of ages from toddlers to adult. Major programs include school-age childcare, Carousel Preschool, a variety of summer camps and clinics as well as youth basketball and skiing.

The Department produces community special events such as the Shamrock Ball/Parent Daughter Dance in March, the Minuteman Classic Road Race on July 4th, the 6th grade Halloween Dance in October and the Concord Open Golf tournament in August. All of these activities are designed to support the summer camp scholarships.

For fiscal year 2012, the Department's program revenues were \$1,588,415. In 2012, the Recreation Department provided over \$191,000 in school year, summer program and Beede Center scholarships to Concord families.

Capital Improvements

The Hunt Center's state of the art, energy efficient, new HVAC system was successfully installed with the project being completed in April. Assistant Recreation Director Laura Lunig served as project manager.

The Department was the beneficiary of a Community Preservation Act Committee project funding in the amount of \$30,000 for a recreation facility study that is just getting underway.

Friends and Partners

The Recreation Commission expresses its sincere appreciation to the Lamont Family for their continued support of the Concord Open Golf Tournament. This year's event raised \$22,000 for camp scholarships.

The Commission would also like to thank the following organizations for their financial support: Concord-Carlisle Community Chest, the Silent Fund, The Concord Lion's Club, Concord Women's Club and the Picnic in the Park whose donations ensured that all Concord families who requested participation in the summer camps were included.

Maureen Taggart Award

The 2012 award recipient was Marianne Staknis. This award honors young adults who have given exemplary service to their community. The recipient receives a monetary award as well as designating a charity to receive a monetary contribution. Marianne's charity was the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center.

PICNIC IN THE PARK -- JULY 4TH

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With the rain pouring down at 8AM, the 2012 Fourth of July Picnic in the Park looked to be in trouble with the weather. But the sun came out by 9AM, and the Picnic setup progressed rapidly. With the light wind conditions, the REMAX Hot Air Balloon was able to fly for the second year in a row. It was aloft at 10 AM and flew for two hours offering rides for donations to the Concord Recreation Department. The Jolly Rogues Band, Southern Rail Bluegrass Band, the Boston Hoop Troop, and the finale performance by the Concord Band provided entertainment during the course of the afternoon.