

# **Germantown Athletic Club Advisory Commission Minutes**

**Wednesday, October 7, 2015 – 6:00 pm  
Great Hall & Conference Center**

**Members Present:** Chairman Ric Wolbrecht, Mr. Ron Fittes, Mr. Jim Hastings, and Mr. Jason Herrington

**Members Absent:** Mr. Ron Baker, Mr. Doug Geyer, Mr. Clint Hardin, Mrs. Kristen New, Mr. Garth Thompson, and Mr. Jason Orman

**City Staff Present:** Mr. Phil Rogers, Mrs. Amy LaRusso, and Mr. Andrew Pitts

**Guest:** None

## **Call to Order**

Chairman Ric Wolbrecht called the October 7, 2015 meeting to order. It was held in the Conference Room at the Great Hall.

## **Approval of the Minutes**

Chairman Ric Wolbrecht asked for a motion to approve the August minutes. Motion to approve the minutes was passed. All were in favor.

### **Club Update:**

Mr. Wolbrecht opened the meeting with the Mayor's invitation to the Annual Appreciation Dinner, and request for basket donations for the auction.

### **Renovations:**

Mr. Rogers confirmed he was given notice today that construction should start around the end of October. He brought visuals or renderings of the renovations and explained the concepts of things to come. Mr. Rogers explained the Spin Room and the Children's area will temporarily be relocated downstairs during the first phase. He added the Club will continue daily operations, with minimal alterations to the classes.

Mr. Rogers explained Phase I is expected to take between four to six months; which consist of renovating the Children's area, the Spin room, and the Mind and Body room. Mr. Rogers stated during the renovations members and staff will hear the work in progress, but areas under construction will be closed off. He added as part of the renovations, the Spin room will remain downstairs in an activity room and will have tiered floors with a projector screen at the front of the room.

Chairman Wolbrecht asked about the cost, and Mr. Rogers confirmed the bid for Phase 1 came in below budget, and also included an alternate of moving the aquatics offices upstairs to the pool viewing area.

### **Club Policy:**

Mr. Rogers asked for feedback from the Commission Members, concerning staff implementing changes in policy. He stated due to members abusing the guest policy, staff is recommending changes. Mr. Rogers said currently the policy requires members to be present at check in with a guest; and out of town visitors are allowed to purchase guest passes. Mr. Rogers proposed policy change due to: limited equipment, space, safety, and theft issues, among others. He listed examples of other facilities in comparison to the Club: limiting the visits per guess pass, requiring I.D., different cost values on the age of the guest, and expiration dates. Mr. Rogers proposed some of the following changes:

- Yearly expiration dates
- Increase the cost of purchasing guest passes
- Limiting the amount of visits a guest can use the facility
- Requiring an I.D. at check in
- Changes in age limits

Members of the Commission agreed staff needed controls over the guest passes, if for nothing else, liabilities. They suggested an adult should be required to sign in a minor. Mr. Rogers suggested with these changes staff could track the visitors and use this tool to build memberships. Chairman Wolbrecht acknowledged the Club has the most lenient guest policy in the area and doesn't believe membership will be affected if staff strengthens the controls. With only a few members present the Commission felt the discussion should be tabled and re-visited at the next months meeting.

### **Adjournment:**

Meeting Adjourned