

UNAPPROVED

COON RAPIDS CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES OF OCTOBER 1, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Howe, Councilmembers Klint, Manning, Johnson, Koch, Sanders, and Wells

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Steve Gatlin, Assistant City Manager Matt Stemwedel

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Howe called the work session to order at 6:15 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

All present.

3. TEEN CENTER DISCUSSION

City Manager Steve Gatlin shared that for the past several months, the City Council has been discussing the future of The Element Teen Center at Riverwind. After discussions with staff, Council determined that the Teen Center would remain open through December 20, 2013. City Manager Gatlin also shared that staff has met with School District officials to discuss the future of the Teen Center, use of funds provided by the City to Community Education, specific demographic data for exact participation in programs, and how other cities may have reduced funding for Community Education but still receive levels of program services similar to Coon Rapids students.

Relative to the Teen Center, several courses of action have been suggested:

- Short Term Operation - The Teen Center will remain open from October 1-December 20, 2013 using funds provided by the City of Coon Rapids. School District staff would staff the operation during this time period.
- Program Review - For the next 60-90 days, the School District will explore additional programs to expand Teen Center offerings involving youth. The intent would be to involve current users of the Teen Center in determining future direction for the Teen Center. The School District is interested in providing the maximum opportunity for youth, therefore, expanded programs in locations other than Riverwind may be the most feasible alternative.
- Riverwind Building Condition - Coon Rapids Building Department staff has begun review of the condition of Riverwind. During the next 60-90 days, we will complete an evaluation

of any necessary improvements and possible changes to bring the building to current code. We will also be receiving estimates of costs to repair items that need work. Staff intends to have a report by the end of the year relative to the future programs for the Teen Center and necessary improvements to the Teen Center Facility at Riverwind. Alternative programs suggested by the School District would also be part of the final analysis.

Appropriate for funding will continue for three months and will be considered part of the regular October 1, 2013 Council agenda. Staff will continue to work on program alternatives and future funding for the Teen Center.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

5. ADJOURN

Mayor Howe adjourned the executive session at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Sorensen
City Clerk