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**MINUTES
CITY OF COVINGTON
BUDGET PRIORITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**
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**Wednesday, April 4th, 2012
6:30 P.M.**

**Council Chambers
16720 271st Street, Suite 100, Covington**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday April 4th 2012.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Ed Cook, Joseph Cimaomo, Ryan Turner, Laura Morrissey, Darren Dofelmier, Liz Collins, Billy Rosling, Carol Judd, Leroy Stevenson, Sean Smith, Bill Judd, Michael Jonasson,

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

1. No further questions regarding the budget and/or the forecast.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Citizen Survey

- I. Karla Slate not present.
- II. This part of agenda will be rescheduled for another meeting.

3. Covington Parks

- I. Scott Thomas present to talk about Parks and Recreation for the City of Covington.
- II. The following topics were reviewed:
 - i. All things Park and Rec. are driven by the PROS plan (available on website).
 - ii. Aquatics: safety, recreation, health & fitness.
 - iii. Arts: consist of display art shows, performance art (concerts, etc.), arts commission, and future opportunities being discussed.
 - iv. Recreation: special events, health & fitness, classes (these are in development and will be a new attribute), no athletic programs.
 - v. Planning: park planning, acquisition, fundraising, Parks and Rec., future.
 - vi. Capital Development: design, construction
 - vii. Administration: leadership, advocacy.

- viii. Park maintenance: park checks, routine scheduled maintenance, supervise landscape contractor, volunteer supervision and support, special projects, future.
- ix. Discussion on the new parks that are in progress.

4. Aquatics Center

- I. Ethan Newton present to talk about the Covington Aquatics Center.
- II. The following topics and ideas were reviewed:
 - i. Open 7 days a week
 - ii. Key features: diving board, slide, inflatable octopus, water walkway, rental room, spectator area, locker rooms, and lobby.
 - iii. Principles: water safety, fun and play, health & fitness
 - iv. Water Safety: lessons given and scholarships offered.
 - v. Fun and Play: public and family swims, no school swims. Spooky swim, holly daze float in movie night, key features, etc.
 - vi. Health and Fitness: meets second greatest recreation need, keeps individuals fit.
 - vii. In water attendance: 81, 197
 - viii. Possible updates: new roof (\$70,00)
 - ix. Annual cost recovery: costs and revenues are divided into 3 tiers, essential, base, and program.
 - x. Advertising: currently only spending \$1,740 on advertising. (more money could be used for advertising).
 - xi. 2011 cost and revenues: total costs- \$740,254, total revenues- \$477,561, net costs- \$262,693, cost recovery- 65%.
 - xii. Future opportunities: new programs, investing in facility (energy efficient, new equipment, new features, expanding), finding another way to deal with I.D. situation.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.