

Symons Recreation Complex Natatorium Board Minutes August 11, 2025

The Natatorium Board met on August 11th, 2025 at 5:30 pm. The following people were in attendance: Larry Engel, Grant Worthington, Melony Walters, John Cler, Rachel Schultz. Staff members Mike Hardy and Kyle Ewing were also present. Symons Recreation Complex Foundation Board members Alan Lins and Dean Amundson were present. 1 member of the public was in attendance online.

1. Call to Order - Cler called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.
2. Roll Call of Membership
3. Open Meetings Compliance - Verification was met, per Hardy.
4. Approve Agenda – Engel made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Schultz seconded. Motion carried.
5. Approval of Minutes of July 14th, 2025 – Engel made a motion to approve the minutes. Walters seconded. Motion carried.
6. Public Comment – none

Administrative Reports:

7. Staff Report – Hardy provided updates on custodian staffing as well as work completed by lifeguards in cleaning up around the outside of the building by lifeguards during the week the pool was closed for annual maintenance. He also noted that the gym is now being used by the school starting this week with volleyball being setup. SRC is currently working with the Pickleball Club to develop pickleball league and clinics in the gym and will work on scheduling open gyms in the fall and winter. Ewing reported that several costly repairs were needed to be made while the pool was shut down, including the replacement of sand filters due to age and sand being backwashed into the pool. However, with the new filters and repairs, mechanicals will run more smoothly and create fewer maintenance calls and costs.
8. Symons Recreation Complex Foundation Report – Al Lins reported that the Foundation received an offer to match \$25,000 in donations for the fundraising campaign that will be run in September. The SRCF goal is \$50,000 for fall fundraising.
9. Update on Re-branding, Sponsorships and Partnerships – Hardy reported that the City released an RFP for the Innovation Grant project to study SRC structure and sustainability. The RFP is online, and a contractor should be selected next month. No updates on the Venture Architects study. Their walk through was July 1 and they have not returned since then but should have a report by the next meeting for review. Hardy has been working on a Sponsorship and Donation Policy draft, and with the Foundation working on a new campaign, they policy will include some collaborative ideas.

Action Items:

10. Consider 2025 Open House Dates (October 25 & 26) and allow free admission to Symons both days – Hardy noted that the annual Open House for Symons will take place during Pumpkinfest weekend and this year allow the public to tour the campus gymnasium as well. Walters moved to allow free admission during Open House weekend, seconded by Engel. Motion carried.
11. Consider updates to the County/City Symons agreement – Hardy noted that the previous version of the agreement recommended by the Board was reviewed by City Finance Committee, but not advanced to City Council as the City would like some changes considered. The City is requesting that line 2 be revised to read *“The City agrees to reimburse the County for 50% of all actual costs incurred for the operation of Symons, including all budgeted items and any additional expenditures formally approved by both parties.”* And line 5.3 to read *“No unbudgeted expenditures may be made without the express, prior consent of both the County and the City. In the*

event of an emergency requiring immediate action to prevent imminent threat to public health, safety, or property, expenditures may be made, provided that the responsible party receives approval from both the County Administrator and City Administrator. Failure to obtain said approval may result in the responsible party bearing the cost of such expenditure.” The agreement will expire and require renewal on December 31, 2026.

Walters moved to recommend the amended agreement to City Council and County Board for consideration, seconded by Engel. Motion carried.

12. Consider donations to Symons Recreation Complex - Hardy presented donation offers including \$5,700 for a new treadmill and \$1,000 for miscellaneous weight room equipment from the SRC Foundation and \$510 for indoor pickleball nets from the Pickleball Club Federation. Motion by Engel to accept the donations, seconded by Schultz. Motion carried.

Closing:

13. Committee Correspondence – None

14. Future Agenda Items – None.

15. Adjourn—Cler made a motion to adjourn at 5:55pm. Walters seconded. Motion carried.