

August 19, 2024`

Dear Daisy,

I've reviewed your letter and timeline. There have been several misunderstandings over the last several years as we have tried to reestablish weekend table tennis. We have sent emails and contract proposals back and forth, and there have been short meetings held, but there has not been real communication. I sincerely apologize for any part I have played in stifling communication. I know I may have been harsh in some of my responses, but this is only because I care a lot about this issue, after investing 15 years of my life volunteering and trying to make the GLCC table tennis program the best it could be. The sudden shutdown of the weekend program came as a shock and huge disappointment. I think the partnership could still succeed, however the SPR management and the players will need to discuss the details, and the players will need to understand why management is taking the positions they are taking. We reached out to Christopher because we hoped that his involvement would lead to a discussion. Here are some of the points that need to be talked about.

- SPR has stated that GLTTC must get their own state and city business licenses, and insurance. We signed an agreement with SPF in order for these things to be handled by them. In exchange, we agreed to provide SPF with 10% of all donations. SPF sponsors scores of organizations like us. As far as I know, none of them has been denied these key elements of fiscal sponsorship. Is there a reason we are being singled out?
- We have not not rejected the service contract. Rather, we have sent you revisions we feel could lead to a successful program. Let's discuss it and work together to make it happen. A key sticking point seems to be the 50% gym fee. Our thought was that by paying your full staffing cost, there would be no incremental cost to the city. We know the building is heated in the winter to prevent damage to the floor, and the cost of lighting is negligible. Are there other costs we are not aware of?
- The main purpose of the GLTTC is to promote table tennis at the GLCC. Our website follows this purpose by publicising the schedule and showing the address and phone number. We are not trying to use GLCC's address and phone number as our own. The only other address and phone number we have is that of SPF. How should we be letting people know where to find, and how to contact the community center, other than including the publicly available address and phone number?

- We did pursue the Recreation for All/Get Moving grants. I attended an information session, and afterwards spoke directly with Grants and Contracts Supervisor, Temesgen Habte. Temesgen told me directly that we would not be eligible for either grant. Can you let Temesgen know that we are indeed eligible? If other issues can be resolved, we can then submit an application during the next open window.
- My focus over the last three years has been on reestablishing the off-hours weekend play time. I'm sorry if it seemed I was rejecting adding hours on Saturday afternoons. Adding hours on Saturdays, or any other day would be welcome. In addition to that, you could have table tennis for kids or work with Seattle Adaptive Sports to reinvigorate our para program. We are here to help.

Sincerely,

Kim Goldov