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## Olympic medalist to attend May opening of Remix

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CLAREMONT — A faith-based coffee bar and social club is scheduled to launch in May at 1 Pleasant St. with an appearance by U.S. Olympic medal winner David Boudia

On Wednesday, the City Council heard the latest progress on Remix, a smoke-drug-alcohol-free music club for people 18 years of age and older.

“We really believe there is great potential in Claremont, but the potential is in its people. It really begins with the citizenry and it really starts with one person,” said co-founder James Neilsen V of Claremont, a member of the board of directors of Life Fellowship Church in Charlestown.

Remix is billed as a safe place to meet people who enjoy good music, positive speakers, and cold-brewed coffee on tap.

“We are a not-so-typical coffee bar and social club that fosters a relaxed atmosphere, with upbeat positive music and interactive events that encourage community engagement across socioeconomic lines,” according to the club’s mission statement.

The club will operate on a “pay-it-forward” model comprised of donations and volunteer help.

Neilsen said the inclusive mission of the club is to offer people who may be struggling with a personal problem “opportunities for change.”

“We want to encourage people to be missionaries in their lives” and to help others, Neilsen said.

Neilsen, a former disc jockey, said the club received about \$41,000 in start-up funding from grants and private donations. Organizers still need to raise about \$8,000 to complete the project, he said.

The club is slated to open May 12 with a “launch party” at 6 p.m. featuring guest speaker and 4-time Olympic medalist David Boudia

City Manager Ryan McNutt said the club could be useful as a resource to connect city officials and the community at large.

City Councilor Carolyn Towle said she is “very excited” about the new social club.

“I am very excited for you and I’m very excited for the city of Claremont. A lot of adults need that extra step,” Towle said.

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