

# LEISURE SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

May 11, 2016

8:30 am

## CALL TO ORDER

Steven Miller called the meeting to order at 8:35 am.

## ROLL CALL

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Zone 1 - Amanda Glugover  
Zone 2 - Steve Miller – Chair  
Zone 3 – Vacant  
Zone 4 - Carol Kilian  
Zone 5 - Ashley Thomas

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Zone 6 - John Huger  
(Company Meeting)  
At Large - Dwayne Murray  
(Dr. Appt.)

### OTHERS PRESENT

Percy Williamson, Leisure Service Department, Director  
Betty Covington, Secretary

### DEVOTION

Steve Miller

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the April meeting not available for approval, therefore, tabled until the June meeting.

### UPDATE ON PARTNERSHIP WITH BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

During the April meeting, Joe Sullivan and Georgia Williams were invited guests. Mr. Sullivan handed out some statistical data in reference to participation numbers. That information was incorrect. Therefore, additional information was provided. Mr. Williamson explained through the new handout that the participation numbers are as follows:

Dickerson neighborhood	5
Daytona Beach area	Majority of participants are Daytona Beach residents
From zip code 32114	91

After reviewing the handout, Steve Miller expressed that the numbers do not match up. As previously stated by Georgia Williams, there were only 10% from Daytona Beach and the majority were from South Daytona. She stated that parents in the Daytona Beach area could not transport their children, therefore, they could not participate. As stated in the Boys & Girls

Club contract that is signed by all parents, parents are required to have involvement with their children in the program. They have a strict discipline and attendance policy.

Steve Miller was excited with the information previously received from Mr. Sullivan discussing student involvement with ERAU. Amanda Glugover was disappointed that there are children who are peering thru the windows at student activities, but are not allowed to join due to the lack of parent commitment to be involved.

Carol Kilian, as well as other board members, felt the report was confusing. Since there is a waiting list, how many children want to come in but unable due to waiting list. Steve inquired as to the ages of participants... children 7 to 16 yrs of age. Therefore, his next response was "what happens to the young children?" Some young children with behavioral problems need our guidance as well as children that are older. Steve would hate those children to become part of the statistics that fall thru the cracks and become our career criminals. He stated that 85-90% of those that have fallen between the cracks are those who supply our criminal system. He suggests that we increase our outreach with additional staff to speak directly to parents. The outreach does not have to be restricted to the Boys & Girls Club area. Mr. Miller proposed that Leisure Services increase staffing numbers. He also suggested that the Boys & Girls Club include a clause in their contract that parents do outreach in the community.

Mr. Williamson is in conversations with the Housing Authority. They have programs that Leisure Services can partner with. Housing Authority states that everyone who receive their services are required to do community service hours. Could those people be assigned to community outreach as part of this requirement?

Presently, Leisure Services and the Boys & Girls Club have a partnership for the Boys & Girls Club to provide programming at the Dickerson Center. The City offers the facility and they offer the service. It is a complete wash. The participation numbers go up in the summer and reduced during the school year. Mr. Miller mentioned that it has been determined that by reviewing 3<sup>rd</sup> grade statistics, determines how to build the prison systems.

Amanda asked if we had adequate staffing to do the outreach as well as assist with programs for the younger children. Percy responded that we do not take children under 6 years of age in any of our programs. Leisure Services is working with a skeleton staff. YSG alone had approximately 100 participants. There is not program for young children, but parents will drop the children off and tell them not to leave, essentially using the center as a babysitting service. All participants that enter our facilities have to be identified.

In 2012, staff was reduced to 10 full time employees. We just do not have the staff to operate all the programs we need to accommodate the community. Therefore, we have to go out to the community to find local business owners to partner with the city. The afterschool program offers academic instruction by way of tutoring, crafts, play time and captures 7 – 16 years of age. If we capture those from the Housing Authority that need to earn community service hours, those people would need to be screened. The City pays for all screening fees.

Ashley Thomas inquired about a marketing plan for the centers. Could we not do a door to door survey? Pierre Louis is working with the Housing Authority. He runs a program for 14-16

year old boys teaching them life skills in a leadership group setting. He has the interest to run the program, but no facility.

The general consensus of the board is to bring Joe Sullivan back to the board meeting and further explain the participation numbers as this report is confusing.

There is no summer program at Dickerson due to the limited space. Since Boys & Girls run a summer program and occupy the south end of the facility, there is no room nor the need to do another summer program there. Midtown and Ortona are designated summer program sites. This summer we will hire 6 temporary employees to assist with running the program at both locations. There is no money in the general fund to help the children in our community. The last 2 years, the city ran the YES Program (Youth Employment for Summer Program). This was a program run by the city with local business support. The city hired high school children for the summer and paid them minimum wage. The first year, we had 40 students. The second year, funding was decreased and we were only able to hire 20 students. The city is not offering this program this year. We are not receiving any funding from the community, therefore, the community center staff has been greatly reduced. It has been noted that there are so many other departments going to the same business owners for donations and the businesses are cutting back on donations.

#### **DEPARTMENTS COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Addressed above.

#### **FACILITY DEDICATIONS**

Handouts distributed for two important dates coming up. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Derbyshire Tennis Complex on May 14, 2016 at 9:00 AM. Also, on May 14, 2016 at 11:00 AM, there will be a dedication of the Mickel A. Brown Sr Activity Building, renaming the Dickerson Activity Building. Mr. Brown was a long time employee of the City of Daytona Beach.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Susan Cerbone and the IT department working together to put these meetings on the website. Steve recommended that the Leisure Services Advisory Board meeting be televised and available for public viewing. The citizens need to see what is going on with our children.

There was a motion by Ashley Thomas that the Leisure Services Advisory Board meeting be moved to the City Hall Commission Chamber and be televised. Carol Kilian seconded the motion. The board unanimously agreed. Mr. Williamson will report back to the board.

Ashley reminded the board that there was a previous request for a Mission Statement for the board. Also, it is imperative that the board vacancy for Zone 3 be filled. Each zone commissioner appoints and fills the vacancy from their own zone.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

The board would like Leisure Services, Cultural Services, Parks & Recreation, Golf, Tennis, Municipal Stadium and Jackie Robinson Ball Park to be all part of the Advisory Board with Percy Williamson as the Liaison for the Leisure Services and 2 other liaisons assigned from the other

areas. These other 2 liaisons could report to the board. The board would be able to hold them accountable for information.

Amanda Glugover made a motion to consolidate the advisory board to include Leisure Services, Cultural Services, Parks & Recreation, Golf, Tennis, Municipal Stadium and Jackie Robinson Ball Park to be able to advise on those mentioned. Carol Kilian seconded the motion. Board vote was unanimous.

**COMMENTS - BOARD**

Amanda Glugover – None

Carol Kilian – The work that was discussed today is important.

Ashley Thomas – The meeting was a great success.

Steve Miller – We need people on the board who care about children.

Carol Kilian made a motion to excuse Dwayne Murray for the previous 3 absences due to illness. Ashley Thomas seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

**COMMENTS - CITIZENS**

None

**STAFF COMMENTS**

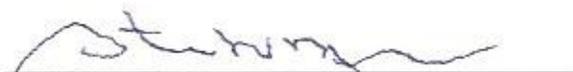
Mr. Williamson thanked the chair, Mr. Miller for participating in the opening of the Paul Antonelleo Houzell art exhibit at the Yvonne Scarlett-Golden Cultural & Educational Center. The exhibit will be on display until August 5.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, motion was made by Steve Miller to adjourn, seconded by Carol Kilian. Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 AM.

Steve Miller, Chair  
Leisure Services Advisory Board

Reviewed by:



Steve Miller, Chair

Transcribed by: Betty Covington, Board Secretary