

LEISURE SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

July 13, 2016

8:30 am

CALL TO ORDER

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

DEVOTION

Keith Willis

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Zone 6 - John Huger

OTHERS PRESENT

Percy Williamson, Director Leisure Services
Keith Willis, Recreation Manager
Betty Covington, Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Carol Kilian made a motion to approve June minutes with minimal changes, seconded by Dwayne Murray, approval was unanimous.

REPORTS

Boys and Girls Club – Joe Sullivan – Absent

Bruce McNorton Clinic – Keith Willis

Bruce McNorton is a prior NFL football player who runs a free football clinic for the community during the summer. This is a great program that teaches the fundamentals of football with the assistance other prior NFL players. This program was previously run by the Leisure Services Department, but since the division of the department, the program was run by Vincent Terry and Joe Chirillo this year. In previous years, there were approximately 300-400 participants. This year there was only 150-200, due to the rain. Next year, the program will be brought back to Leisure Services and run by the department.

2nd Annual Gone Too Soon But Not Forgotten Basketball Tournament

Basketball tournament was held at the Midtown Center on Saturday, July 9. Those who wished to participate was asked to bring of picture of the person they were playing for. Two of the parents who lost children were guest speakers. There were 6 boys teams and 4 girls teams. Championship play offs were at 3:00 pm with the Police Department. There were various sponsors on site with 500 free hot dogs and hamburgers provided. A block party was scheduled for 4 pm, but since it was too hot outside, everyone stayed inside. Through Dustins or Sonnys, Vitas was able to provide enough food...ribs, slaw, baked beans. Everything in the concession was free. There were games played outside as well as inside. But it was too hot. Staff is looking for a different location for next year. We need more than one indoor court. Last year when it was held at Mainland, the location was a problem. It was away from the immediate area causing low participation.

Vitas started this tournament last year at Mainland High School. Vitas is our major sponsor. They start planning for the event in January. They get local businesses involved. Charles McNorton (brother of Bruce McNorton) was the designated DJ. Besides the team participants, there were approximately 300-400 spectators in this event. There were approximately 100 participants, 40 girls and 60 boys.

Carol suggested that if you could get a location with the number of courts needed, you could work out some type of transportation. Could we not get the County involved? This could be a huge event for the entire community. This is an opportunity to give back. Since Vitas is hosting it, the City has to take a back seat.

Dwayne asked if the high school pays for the use of the stadium. They get the facility at a lower rate. There should be some reciprocity for the use of the stadium. The schools cannot run the concessions since the county is contracted with Coke and the City is contracted with Pepsi. Could we not partner with Vince Carter? Keith stated that we do have some agreements with Ortona and TT Elementary. There is a planning meeting coming up and Keith will make these suggestions.

OLD BUSINESS

Carol drafted an advisory board mission statement. Copies distributed for board review. Carol reviewed other mission statements from boards. The statement was created after the ordinance. This is a stating place. It is important to have a mission statement. Carol also asked about the update of moving the board meeting to City Hall. Steve stated that it was proposed to the City Manager and the request was denied. He also declined the invitation to attend the board meeting.

Amanda asked about the Sunshine Training that was to be planned. Percy was to research the board getting this training.

The citizens need to be aware of what is going on in the City. There are things going on in the city that people are not aware. Things are listed on the city website, but hard to find. The board also needs to know what is going on. The board would like to be able to attend these events as well. The mission statement does not specify anything about golf or the stadium. Steve reminded the board that all the parks were removed from under the care/direction of the

Leisure Services department. Carol feels that the Commission still needs to know that the board is not pleased since we have no real direction. They need to know what we, as a board are doing. The board needs to have a positive impact. We do not want to be pacified.

The City has asked the Race and Rec Commission to fund the repairs of the Campbell Pool. He believes that the City doesn't see fit to take the money out of the general fund to repair the pool. It has been 2 years. We need to go directly to the City Manager and ask him to delegate funds to repair the pool. Dwayne asked where the money goes that is charged to participants in all the progress. Why can't the facility that is being used for events take some of the money it generates to facilitate repairs. Why would you let the facilities get run down? An example of the run down facility is the Schnebly Center. It took 5 years to finally get it painted. It took Amanda 1 ½ years of calling to finally get hooks in the restroom to hang items when the girls changed their clothes so they wouldn't have to put the clothes on the floor with leaking pipes. The restroom doors don't even close. The Schnebly Center has been neglected for year. The outside playground equipment had to be removed. The improper equipment was installed and it corroded with the elements of the ocean air. All the barbecue grills were removed as well. The facility is at a prime location and has a large auditorium to host weddings, but when to tour the facility as see the disrepair, they change their minds. The roof leaks and there is mold in the building. No one sees it and no one cares.

Carol suggested the board create a punch list of things that need to be done and specify priorities. The city needs to take action. The board needs to get a list of the parks and facilities in the City. There are some parks that allot of people don't even know about. Amanda suggested the board take a tour of all the city owned facilities, recommendation made by Steve. It is evident that there are some major issues with the City. Carol suggested we need to focus and make a recommendation to the city. Amanda stated the Percy closed down the gymnastics center. Every child had to find another gymnastic facility to attend. Then a few months later, re-opened it stating the gym could not operate a competitive team, only recreational. The competitive team was run by the booster club. The City could have made money if it was run by the City. There are a very few kids that participate in the gymnastics program that is still run by probably one of the highest paid coaches. Her numbers that were presented previously are not accurate.

Ashley reminded the board that it was 3 or 4 meeting ago that Coach Gowell was going to report back to us. Joe Sullivan was also requested to report on accurate numbers. That has not been done yet. Also, 3 weeks ago, we requested that we facilitate the board meeting at City Hall. At that same time, we addressed want we wanted to be incorporated in the board. None of this has been done. Amanda reinstated that we wanted to have a mission statement in place prior to going before the commission. We need to be organized. The information discussed as to who/what facilities we wanted to advise went to Percy.

Steve reminded the board that any information that is listed in the minutes goes to the City Manager. He has the minutes available to review. This is the only board meeting that is not held at City Hall. If we go to our prospective commissions to voice our findings, they have the ability to present this to the City Manager. The City Manager reports to the Commission. They are his boss. This is election time and the commission needs to know what is going on.

Amanda asked that we review and vote on the mission statement on the next meeting. Carol suggested that we meet again before the next meeting, create a sub-committee. A sub-committee needs to meet prior to the next meeting. We could review the mission statement and create a list of talking points.

Percy Williamson joined the board meeting at 9:30. There is a list of questions brought up by Steve for Percy. #1 What happened to the request to have the board meeting at City Hall? #2 What type of event was held at the stadium last night?

Percy stated that the stadium is not under his purview, therefore, he is unaware of what goes on there. There is a list of community events distributed weekly. Ashley would like to get a copy of that list.

All meetings that were previously held in the Commission Chambers have been moved to room 149 B. It was suggested that the advisory board remain at Midtown. Steve requested that these meetings be televised. We do not want to accept NO for an answer. Percy suggested that the board codify a request in writing to the City Manager and Deputy City Manager this request. Steve asked that the board request staff to draft a memo on behalf of the board. Percy reinstated that everything that is discussed in the advisory board meeting is public and available to the City Manager. Steve understands that, but not sure how much of the minutes is ready by the Manager.

Amanda reinstated that the board is unclear as to what it can and cannot do since there has been no Sunshine Training provided to the board. Percy stated that we are the only board that does not have legal advisory representation. Percy will ask when we can training on the Sunshine Law Training. This should have been one of the first things that was done. Percy stated that he will attempt to have that all in place by the next (Aug) meeting.

Amanda revisited the draft mission statement. Carol asked if we can form a sub-committee to review the draft and draw up some talking points for the commission. Percy stated that the ordinance does not address this. Therefore, Percy will address this with legal. Carol stated that forming a sub-committee has been done in other advisory boards. Motion was made by Carol Kilian to create a sub-committee to discuss our mission statement and other items going forward, seconded by Amanda Glugover. Decision was unanimous. The entire board that is present volunteered to be on the sub-committee. They will meet prior to the next meeting, Wednesday, Aug 3 at 8:30 a.m. at Midtown Cultural & Educational Center. No secretary required.

Dwayne Murray – We have invited the Boys & Girls Club, Brian Jaquet from Golf, Helen Riger from Cultural. Percy would invite them to the next meeting. Even though they do not come under the purview of the LS Advisory Board now, maybe at some point they will.

COMMENTS - BOARD

Amanda Glugover – Follow-up with legal for Sunshine training. Sub-committee to meet to review mission statement and set up talking points prior to going before Commission. Requested that Percy review the mission statement. We need to get on the agenda for City Manager approval.

Carol Kilian – Will send email to Commissioner Gilliland and sharing all information discussed and would like to take it to the next level.

Ashley Thomas – Mayors Back Pack Giveaway is coming up. Cultural Services is handling it. YSG, Daisy Stocking, Schnebly will be hosting the giveaway. Ashley will email info to board.

Dwayne Murray – None

Steve Miller – We do not have a bus to transport kids for field trips. Percy shared that Leisure got 2 new vans to transport kids. Keith stated that we have 140 children at Midtown and 85 children at Ortona. Steve commented that we are to transport 225 children with 2 vans! Percy stated we have to make multi trips. We have partnered with Skate and Shake. We rent their bus in advance for field trips. We use the resources that we have. Keith stated the field trips the kids go on are to the Daytona Lagoon, Skate & Shake, the movies. We are not allowed to transport the kids out of the county. Amanda asked about County buses. Percy stated the fees charged are beyond our budget. We attempted to purchase a used bus, but funding to not go thru. The cost was under \$100,000 for the purchase, but we need to factor in the cost of fleet maintenance. Keith stated that it cost \$30 per hour for driver and \$1.31 per mile starting from the fleet. Steve asked if we have ever talked with Votran for a partnership. Does the City have a grant writer? Have they written any grants for Leisure programs and why not? Beth Lemke is the City grant writer. Percy will invite her to a meeting.

Percy will arrange a tour of the parks and distribute a listing of all the parks. The tour will take at least 2 hours and be held at the next regular meeting, Aug 10.

Steve asked what the plans are for afterschool. Keith distributes flyers and puts up banners for registration. Community Center staff will attend the “meet and greet” at the schools prior to school and begin registration.

COMMENTS - CITIZENS

None

STAFF COMMENTS

Percy Williamson – Percy will attempt to try and find out what is happening on the strategic part and what happened with all the suggestions turned in. Do they plan on adopting any of those items?

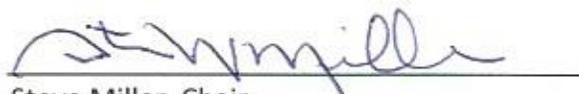
Steve congratulated Percy on awards received: NAACP and the BCU National Alumni.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion was made by Steve Miller to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Steve Miller, Chair
Leisure Services Advisory Board

Reviewed by:


Steve Miller, Chair

Transcribed by: Betty Covington, Board Secretary