

LEISURE SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

October 12, 2016

8:30 am

CALL TO ORDER

Steve Miller called the meeting to order at 8:40 am.

DEVOTION

Steve Miller

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Zone 2 - Steve Miller – Chair

Zone 4 - Carol Kilian

Zone 5 - Ashley Thomas

MEMBERS ABSENT

Zone 1 - Amanda Glugover

Zone 3 – Vacant

Zone 6 - John Huger

At Large - Dwayne Murray

OTHERS PRESENT

Percy Williamson, Director Leisure Services

Betty Covington, Secretary

Jacquelyn Pannell

David Steward

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No approval of minutes, tabled to the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

List of advisory board members that terms will be expiring Dec 2016. (At Large, Zone 2, 4, 6). Zone 3 is currently vacant. These are all annual appointments, but should have all been staggered. All applicants are required to apply through Betty Goodman. Zone 3 has been vacant for quite some time. If there is anyone on the board that knows someone who is interested in serving on the board, please encourage them to contact Betty Goodman to apply.

Mr. Williamson gave a report post Hurricane Matthew.

- There was a minor leak in the Dance Studio at Midtown. There were a great deal of trees down in the walking trail at the Cypress Park. Some of the umbrellas at the pool blew away.

- Schnebly Center experienced a lot of water damage at the entrance due to storm surge. At the time the hurricane hit, the Schnebly Center was having some roof repairs done. Therefore, there was a lot of building material left on the roof by the contractor that got blown off. The signage at the front was damaged. They currently have their power restored. This center had the most visible damage.
- The Dickerson Center had damage due to roof leaks. Power now restored.
- Sunnyland had 2 large oak trees that fell during the storm. There is also a great deal of branches and debris in the park. No damage to facility.
- YSG sustained minimal damage/leaks in roof. Power restored.
- Tusawilla Park sustained a great deal of trees/limbs down. The Zoom Air Zip Line has been closed temporarily. Public works maintains that park.

Jacquelyn Pannell - Cultural Services staffed worked closely with Leisure Services during the hurricane at the EOC center operated out of the Police Department. They staffed municipal stadium to cook and provide food to the following locations: Police Department, Midtown, Dickerson, Ocean Center, YSG, Hinson, Palm Terrace, Champion Elementary, Mainland, Station 5, Police Precinct on the beachside, the public works department. On Saturday and Sunday, they fed the remainder of the staff at Midtown. With the first draft of data, they provided over 6,000 meals. Food was provided by both US Foods and Sam's Club. On Saturday, they had emergency staff come in from public works and grounds maintenance to clean up debris and trees down. Cultural Services has the funds available in their budget for emergencies which will be reimbursed by FEMA. All this data is tracked to be reported back to FEMA. Those who worked EOC were housed at the PD. There was generous donation from Trader Joes. They came out and delivered to PD and all the high schools. Special thanks to Joe Chirillo for an outstanding job and teamwork. The Midtown Center was open until Sunday to house City Staff and families. Two of the nights here, we were without power, therefore generators were brought in. On Saturday and Sunday, there were about 45 – 50 officers who came here.

All of the windows at the municipal stadium blew out. There are leaks at the Peabody but these leaks are being fixed. There was supposed to be a televised ESPN BCU game at the stadium tomorrow, but it got pushed back to Saturday at 1:00 PM.

Carol feels that the City did a great job in getting people to listen and evacuate, which saved lives. Steve mentioned that these situations bring people together to help each other. Percy reminded the board that we are still in the assessment mode. Since it has been declared a state of emergency, there are a number of benefits that come our way. There will be a lot of reimbursement by FEMA.

The city budget was passed in the September meeting. A copy of the budget will be provided at the next board meeting. Our request was approved for additional staff: 2 full time recreation leaders and 2 part time recreation workers. The additional staff assures the adequate staffing at all the centers. This will allow for 2 full time recreation leaders at each facility. A new organizational chart was created for the department assigning center administrators that will also be provided at the next meeting. Each center administrator will be responsible for maintaining and be responsible for their center.

Percy introduced David Steward, who is primarily responsible for creating sports programs, youth programs as well as programs for our senior population.

Steve wanted more info on what we are doing for our middle aged population. Volusia County has a big need for that. But right now, David is primarily working on the school age children. David has identified that we have open gym and weight rooms, but no structured programs for the youth at the Dickerson Center. We do operate a Sr. Oasis program in all of the centers. We have had basketball in years past and struggled with T-ball. David is working with each center administrators rolling a few different programs. We are going to start a STARS Hoop Night on Friday night to encompass the entire community, but also to include the STAR Center. This will be held at the Dickerson Center. At all the other centers, they will have a skills and drills session specifically for elementary ages. There will be one day designated for only elementary kids at each center. This will be implemented next week.

David is working with Palmento Park. He has met approx. 20 teen agers and asked what they would like to do. There is a great computer program at Dickerson. They will begin bringing them over to Dickerson Center on Thursday, 4-6 pm to participate in basketball. David is primarily our outreach contact for the community. It has been discussed previously that the United Way participants are primarily from outlying areas of the Dickerson Center. David will be trying to reach the teens that live directly in the Dickerson area. The Housing Authority has agreed to partner with Leisure Services to serve that community. Steve wants David to do a survey and ask parents why their children will no walk across the street to the facility that is so close to them. David recently had a conversation with one of the parents in PPU who has 3 children. She stated that there are no programs for the children at the Dickerson Center. Since they built Midtown, all the programs for children are brought here, i.e. Cypress Pool. Campbell Pool is closed and the cost to swim at Cypress has increased. Add that to the cost, or lack of transportation, it makes it difficult and unaffordable to come across town.

The board would like David to come back to another meeting so all this info can be noted in minutes for the record. David's previous experience initiated at the Chicago YMCA, Winter Park – Central FL YMCA, Volusia County YMCA and MVP Coaching.

Ashley asked was are some of the projected programs. It depends on what is currently going on at each center. What is the best fit of programs for each specific community? The YSG center had a program run by PAL for SAT program. Only 2 kids showed up. One of the challenges David runs into is the marketing of a program. It is preferred to market 4-8 weeks out and get all administrators on board.

Programs to start next week:

- Basketball
- Teen Time
- STAR Night
- Skill and Drills

David would like to create some academic programs for the younger kids in the way of field trips.

Percy mentioned that previously, there was not enough staff to keep the doors open, administer the building, and then also try to run programs all at the same time. With the addition of staff, it allows us to have the basic minimums for facility operation. Each center is tasked with creating their own programs. Each center is required to monitor and maintain Easy Lobby, therefore, it takes away from programming.

Steve asked what interaction we have with BCU in regards to volunteers. At the current time, we have work study students assisting at each facility. But the hiring process is a challenge with the City. David has been in contact with the various departments at BCU to determine for graduation. We need to identify the number of hours they need, contacting the students, then develop a curriculum to achieve their goals.

David is also responsible for organized and developing our volunteer program. He is running into the same problems that we have been running into for years. And that is the screening process. As of July 1, we are now DCF certified. Sometimes, it may take up to six weeks to get the results since Human Resources now does an extensive screening nationwide.

There are a number of coaches who want to volunteer, but due to the lengthy process, they lose interest. Percy has checked with the surrounding cities, and they do not go thru this same process. Percy has been in communication with the Executive Director of NRPA in Tallahassee. No other Leisure Services department has such stringent screening requirements. Percy is collecting data to present to the commission directly. These minutes are forwarded to the commission even if there is no quorum. This discussion will be tabled to the next meeting.

Amanda has missed 2 meetings as well as John Huger missing meetings. Dwayne Murray has been excused.

City Attorney's presentation is tabled until the next meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS

Ashley Thomas requested an update on Campbell Pool. Percy mentioned that the pool has been closed for approximately 1.5 yrs. due to fiberglass peeling off the bottom/edges of pool. The money came forth to fix. They only re-surfaced. When starting up the pumps, they were so old therefore not working. The mechanical part is 15 – 20 years old. They wanted to do all the repairs at the same time. In a meeting with Public Works, it was decided to put together a park master plan. There is a building adjacent to the pool which previously housed the head start program. We have now decided to make that a part of the pool as well as the surrounding area to make a parking lot. With grant money, we will renovate the building with locker room, showers and an administrative area for lifeguards and install pool heaters all at the same time. The timeline for completion is prior to spring.

Carol Killian – None

Steve Miller – Thankful to have David Steward on staff. There is also bringing in luxury condos in the Dickerson area, costing \$1700 monthly.

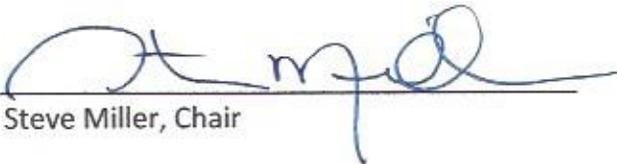
CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion was made by Steve Miller to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 AM.

Steve Miller, Chair
Leisure Services Advisory Board

Reviewed by: 
Steve Miller, Chair

Transcribed by: Betty Covington, Board Secretary