

LEISURE SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

March 9, 2017

8:30 am

CALL TO ORDER

Steve Miller called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

DEVOTION

Dwayne Murray

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Zone 1 - Amanda Glugover
Zone 2 - Steve Miller – Chair
Zone 6 - John Huger
At Large - Dwayne Murray

MEMBERS ABSENT

Zone 3 – Vacant
Zone 4 - Carol Kilian
Zone 5 – Vacant

OTHERS PRESENT

Percy Williamson, Director Leisure Services
Betty Covington, Secretary
Helen Riger, Cultural Services

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dwayne Murray made a motion to approve January minutes, seconded by Amanda Glugover, approval was unanimous. No quorum on February 9, therefore, no meeting held.

NEW BUSINESS

Information provided last night from the City manager's office updating the responsibilities and background of the advisory board. There is some expansion and clarification.

There was a change in the meeting date of the advisory board, but a new date is now suggested. A motion was made by Dwayne Murray to change the meeting of the board to the 2nd Tuesday of month seconded by Amanda Glugover and unanimously approved. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 11.

Helen Riger mentioned a variety of cultural and sporting activities going on. There is a new Peabody Foundation in place for approximately one year. The foundation found a sponsor and were able to bring 150 children from the community to see Jack Hannah's Animal Encounter and Annie Broadway show. This has been a first time experience for some of these children. There were children from Champions Elementary and the Boys and Girls Club and a variety of schools.

The youth soccer program has started at Bethune Point Park run by Bill Self. They meet twice a week and are still looking for participants. Therefore, send anyone who may be interested in playing soccer.

Cultural Athletic Manager, Joe Chirillo has been working with Percy, the police chief and the Tortugas to get a little league program started. They will be playing at Bethune Point Park.

Cultural Services is just beginning write an RFP with the grant writer to go out for a company to put together a park master plan for all the parks. This is something that this board could be involved with. We are now working on Derbyshire, but will need a plan for Bethune Point too. This will be lengthy process. We are now getting a draft put together for and RFP. There will be one master plan.

NAIA will be back on the City Commission agenda this week to extend their contract for 2 years. The event broke even for the second year in a row. This is a great way to get exposure to our youth, college football. This event is the biggest recruitment of our high school athletes that was ever hosted in this area. We were also able to get allot of sponsors for Pop Warner and our youth sports. It made about \$10,000 this year. Motion was made by Dwayne Murray to correct the amount in the January minutes to reflect \$10,000 profit versus \$24,000 as stated in the minutes. Amanda Glugover seconded that motion.

Helen distributed the Derbyshire Masterplan drawing. There have been two public meetings. One held at Living Faith Church in January and Hope Fellowship Church in October as discussions about the Derbyshire Masterplan were held. Helen went into detail as to what was going to be at the park. There will be a 400 meter track around the park, there will be a walking trail connecting YSG to the park, interactive water feature, Skate Park, new signage, etc. There will be multiple drinking fountains and a blue light emergency station. The park will be fully lighted. Helen is requesting input from advisory board as she wants to put this on the commission agenda in April. This plan will cost approximately \$5 million. We will have to go out for grants, therefore, it will be built in phases.

Amanda asked how this park will be staffed to assure that the park is not destroyed. Helen mentioned that between her staff and Percy's staff, it will be manned. There will also be police presence in the way of the bike patrol. The park is open until 10 PM. There are cameras in most parks, but not everywhere. The main field will be secured, but the majority will be open. Leisure staff is responsible for opening and closing the Bethune Point fields for soccer. They do pay for the use of the field, similar to what Pop Warner pays.

There are water features at the park. They are expensive to build and to maintain. The water features at Breakers are considered pools even though it is not a pool. The elements of the ocean water have a tendency to break down the filtration system. It will be cheaper to maintain the water features at Derbyshire Park.

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting date of board has been changed to the 2nd Tuesday of every month. The calendar on the website will be changed to reflect this new meeting date. The agenda with packet will be distributed at least a week in advance.

Those members that wish to be reappointed to the board need to assure that their application is received by Betty Goodman. These appointments will be going on the city commission agenda for the Mar 15 meeting.

Heaters were replaced last week at the Cypress Aquatics Facility. There will be an item on the March 15 Commission agenda to put a heater in the Campbell Pool. The cost \$127,000 to do that. This will allow us to use the pool year round versus only 3 summer months. The vendor states that would take approximately 45 days to completion after it gets approved. If asked if solar heat was a viable solution. The engineers did an analysis and found that the solar was not a reliable option. The use of the pool would be recouped in a 3 year time span as the temperature in the pool was a consistent static temperature all year round. There is a potential to lease the pool out to organizations and still have it open at the same time for public use. The swim clubs are in the pool 2 hours per day, 6 days a week. The pool was designed to handle both the clubs and the public at the same time. We do not have to close the pool down during club usage. The club is contracted to use the pool for 6 meets per year. This is their home practice pool.

Percy hopes to get a club contracted at Campbell pool as well. These clubs pay. It costs \$3 for adults and \$2 for children to swim. There are some children who do not have \$2. We have sponsors that support the swim program. When a child wants to swim, but does not have the money, we keep count of that money and move it from the donation account. There are no children who come to the pool that we turn away. The swim clubs pay for the daily usage plus the 6 meets annually. When the season changes, we will open the pool 7 days a week. We have had a record number of lessons that we teach. So, with Campbell pool, those numbers will be increased. We hope to have the showers fixed and ready in time for the pool opening. We get money from the Racing and Rec Board. The city manager wants an updated analysis from public works. He then decides who gets that money and which projects proceed.

There is a strategic planning meeting with the City Commission on March 25 at Midtown. This is where all the capital projects from all the departments are presented. Then the commission will prioritize the projects and decide which projects will be funded either through the general funds or grants. Percy hopes that Campbell Pool is one that will be selected as a priority.

Basketball league finished last week. The season ended with 34 teams and 270 participants. These games were played at Midtown and YSG. The police helped out a great deal with their presence during the games. There were no major issues and there was outstanding participation by citizens.

Black History month closed out with the opening of the Black History Art Exhibit at YSG with Anthony Armstrong. It was the third largest opening we had. The exhibit will be up until May 19. Schnebly also had a theatrical program put on by Leroy Meadows on March 28. He put together a youth group called *Interacting*. It was a black history theatrical show. They already put on 3 other performances. *Steps for Christ* put on a step show. There was also a baton twirling group. This group also went to regional and won.

The third item for Black History Month was the Black Heritage Trail Bus Tour in conjunction with Bethune Cookman University. They have been doing this for a number of years and asked

Leisure Services to join them. We commissioned a bus and 55 seniors from our Sr. Oasis program participated in the bus tour with BCU. They stopped at various locations from Jacksonville, St Augustine and back to Daytona Beach. The purpose was to get the students together with the seniors, some of whom lived thru this era, to discuss the heritage of their black history.

Two of the public service things that we are doing are the *Go Bus* that is contract thru the county. They go to the Schnebly Center once a month to get your driving license renewed. This is mobile unit.

VITA continues to do taxes at the Dickerson Center. These are tax returns done free of charge. They will be here thru April 15, three days a week from 4-7 PM.

Helen stated that they are bringing back Midtown Motown on April 9 to Cypress Park. The cost will be approximately \$40,000, raised by Helen's department. Also in the process of planning Midtown Movies in the park at Daisy Stocking Park. That would run from May to December. Steve asked why we couldn't have activities for the kids. The movies would be targeted for younger kids. He suggested a talent shows or step shows. Of course, staff is need to accomplish the events. Daisy Stocking is a starting point.

BOARD COMMENTS

Dwayne Murray – None
Amanda Glugover – None
John Huger – None

STAFF COMMENTS

None

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion was made by Steve Miller to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Steve Miller, Chair
Leisure Services Advisory Board

Reviewed by:



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Steve Miller, Chair

Transcribed by: Betty Covington, Board Secretary