

LEISURE SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

April 11, 2017

8:30 am

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Zone 1 - Amanda Glugover
Zone 2 - Steve Miller – Chair
Zone 3 – Russell Holloway
Zone 5 – Mykal Tairu
Zone 6 - John Huger
At Large - Dwayne Murray

MEMBERS ABSENT

Zone 4 - Carol Kilian

OTHERS PRESENT

Percy Williamson, Director Leisure Services
Betty Covington, Secretary

Helen Riger, Cultural Services

DEVOTION

Mykal Tairu

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

John Huger made a motion to approve March minutes, seconded by Dwayne Murray, approval was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of new board member; Zone 3, Russell Holloway and Zone 5, Mykal Tairu. Both new members gave a brief bio

The Citizen's academy is an 8 week program run by the City Manager's office. This program meets weekly to discuss the workings of each department. Leisure Services department is normally the last department. They view a PowerPoint presentation that discusses all the facilities and programs that are run at each facility. At the conclusion of the presentation, they receive graduation certificates and are served lunch. Betty Goodman is now taking applications for the next class. A couple of slides from the presentation were distributed. This is basic information that was presented to the citizens. The slide that details the staffing numbers got the most attention.

Summer Camp is starting directly after school closes for the summer. The 2 sites that will host a summer program is Ortona and Midtown. We have submitted a request to the City Manager to hire 8 additional staff to assist with the summer program as well as 8 additional staff to assist

in the operation of the Campbell Pool and the Cypress Aquatic Facility. Since the Leisure Services Department is DCF (Department of Children and Families) certified, not only does the staff have to be screened, but all volunteers has to be screened as well. This is a Level 2 screening that involves FDLE screening, fingerprinting, drug test and 5-year employment verification. If a volunteers is going to work less than 10 hours monthly, then they only require a Level 1 screening, but have to remain within eyesight of a Level 2 screened individual.

Approximately 30 years ago, Leisure Services had a toddler program which required a DCF certification. We no longer have that program. But Leisure still maintains that certification as a suggested by Human Resources. DCF is used as a back drop for liability issues. When any volunteer applies, they are advised of the screening process prior to initiating the paperwork. Recruiting volunteers is a year round process. There are parents who cannot coach their own children. If there is a 30 day break in services, they have to once go thru the entire screening process. If there is a negative result on an applicant, the applicant can appeal. This appeal is done thru the regional office in Jacksonville and could be a lengthy process.

Amanda stated that in working with the DCF side of the system, she has seen where if a person was a witness to a crime, your name still goes down on record as part of that crime. Your name is now in the system. She is willing to offer some assistance in clarifying the entire screening process. There is no advantage to being DCF Certified. We are the only city in the county who is certified. If we were to outsource our programs, then the governing organization would be responsible for the screening. That is done with Pop Warner. Could we not start our own non-profit organization? Percy will invite Legal and HR director to the next meeting. We recently had a strategic planning session. The City commissioners want us to invite the surrounding community and sororities to partner with us. But with these guidelines, it makes it difficult. City commission is interested in tweaking it, they can change how we operate, but they need to hear from the board.

Summer Camp has received grant money in the past from Commissioner Pam Woods for the past 6 years. This was money she donated to scholarship children from the domestic abuse center and the homeless coalition totaling 35 children. Since she is no longer commissioner, we will have to reach out to other sponsors. There is still a dire need in the community to scholarship those children. The summer program flyer was distributed to the board.

Zone 5 commissioner is anxious to have **softball and t-ball** come back to Daytona. It is almost an afterthought in the City of Daytona Beach. There are 4 Pop Warner football leagues in Daytona Beach. Basketball is number 2 in Daytona. If you want t-ball or softball, South Daytona or Port Orange is where you go. Soccer, you go to Ormond. Daytona has not have t-ball or softball in 2 years. Leisure Services has partnered with the Tortugas and Chief Capri to get a t-ball league going in Daytona. They will be paying for this 100%. There is no charge to the residents. They will pay for everything. Registration started yesterday. We are planning to run 18 teams with a total of 80 kids. They will be playing an 8 game season. The Leisure staff will be running/coaching the teams.

Mr. Miller asked Helen Riger about the Bethune Point fields. Who plays there and what happens the rest of the year? If seems like it is cut every day. In response, Helen stated that BCU plays a couple times a year. There is also soccer that is played there. And also rented to

outside entities. Steve mentioned that it seems like the city spends a lot of money cutting grass and upkeep of that field and we do not have programs going on there. Also Mr. Miller questioned what happened to the baseball field that was to a part of this facility (Midtown)?

OLD BUSINESS

We have had organizations previously rented our fields. They come in multiple times a year. They cut back on using our fields because the rental rates were too high. The City priced it so high that no one wants to rent the fields. They are going to Ormond. Helen and Percy have worked diligently to get the rates reduces, not only on the fields but the centers as well. Our activities will go up now. We were the highest in the county.

There is a water main going thru field #1 at Bethune Point, so the park is basically closed now. They continue to play soccer in the outfield in field #2. That will be reopened, hopefully, in the June. The pavilion and the skateboard areas are still open. BCU only uses one field. We are a fallback for BCU. Their home field is JRBP. They use our field when there is a conflict.

WE are in conversation with Emery Counts, Community Development Director. They have CDGB, Community Development Block money. He has promised us enough money to build the field at Midtown. There have conversations with Public Works and Grounds Maintenance and they have agreed to build the field. It will cost \$75 - \$100,000 to complete the project. There was a park masterplan created in 2006. That masterplan called for the refurbishing of the walking trail, construction of a new pool, new community center, outdoor lighted basketball court and baseball field in the southwest corner. They have the money now. The entire project will be done in house and should be complete by the end of the summer.

NEW BUSINESS

50th annual Easter Beach Run this weekend. Following this event there will be an eggstravaganza for the kids.

Midtown Motown started again for the 2nd year. May 13 is the next event. The event is held the second Saturday of the month. The pool is kept open in conjunction with this event. There were 25 participants at the pool the first event on April 8.

Helen is getting ready to start a new program, Midtown Movies. These movies will be geared to the children, held at the Daisy Stocking Park from May to December. Nothing higher than a PG-13. They will have expanded activities for children.

The Harlem Dance Troupe is coming to the Peabody. The Peabody Foundation will fund 100 children to be able to attend free. The dance troupe has agreed to have a meet and greet with about 40 of the children. The event is held April 25, 2017.

The Derbyshire masterplan distributed. She is waiting for the revised version. There will be only one baseball and one softball field. It will go on the city commission agenda the first meeting in May.

The turf will be replaced at the Municipal Stadium beginning the end of April and done in August. There are a few spring games now. The replacement will begin after those games. When the job is done, it will be able to accommodate soccer as well as football. It is the new

type of turf and the temp will be lower, a constant temperature and will have constant drainage. The company that installed the original turf in was sued. The turf was supposed to last 10 years. It will cost the city \$300,000 versus \$750,000 and we will get another 10 year contract. The reason we are paying \$300,000 is because it was prorated for the 7 years of use.

Leisure has been working closely with Helen to get an Interlocal Agreement with the county. We will be getting University High School to play their home games at the stadium. All high schools will have the ability to play at the stadium. The stadium is the biggest stadium in the county, so when the other high schools have a big game, they will play at the stadium as well. There is another school board department that will be paying the rental of the fields. They are trying to get the tax money to pay for the use of the stadium. The schools will continue to pay for fire and police services.

BOARD COMMENTS

John Huger – Is there any discussion about the staffing? In the strategic planning meeting, we put in our wish list. The budget looks favorable. We will have money to work with. We now operate on a 6 day week schedule and hope to open 7 days a week when staffing allows. Mr. Huger also asked the status of Campbell Pool. The geo thermal heater was approved 2 commission meetings ago. This will allow the pool to stay open year round. There is an internal masterplan to be submitted for approval. There was a preliminary masterplan that was distributed at a previous meeting. The plan is to open up the complete area to be able to install playground equipment, parking and a new pool building. It was determined that the existing building is too old to replace, therefore it will be demolished.

Mykal Tairu - No

Dwayne Murray – None

Russell Holloway – Being on the board is a learning process. So glad to see the focus on family and children.

Amanda Glugover – None

Steve Miller – Thank you and welcome to the new board members.

STAFF COMMENTS

None

CITIZEN COMMENTS

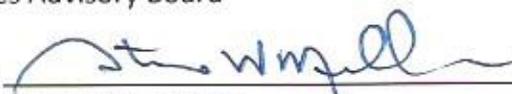
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ADJOURNMENT

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: 
Steve Miller, Chair

Transcribed by: Betty Covington, Board Secretary