

LEISURE SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

May 9, 2017

8:30 am

CALL TO ORDER

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

DEVOTION

Mykal Tairu

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Zone 1 - Amanda Glugover
Zone 2 - Steve Miller – Chair
Zone 3 – Russell Holloway
Zone 4 - Carol Kilian
Zone 5 – Mykal Tairu
At Large - Dwayne Murray

MEMBERS ABSENT

Zone 6 - John Huger

OTHERS PRESENT

Percy Williamson, Director Leisure Services
Betty Covington, Secretary

Helen Riger, Cultural Services

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Amanda Glugover made a motion to approve April minutes, seconded by Russell Holloway, approval was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of the meeting date and time was held to determine a suitable schedule for all advisory board members. The final decision was to move the meeting to the second Thursday of every month at 9:00 AM, same location. The decision was unanimous. The next meeting is scheduled for June 8.

The closing reception for the Anthony Armstrong exhibit at Yvonne Scarlett-Golden Cultural & Educational Center will be held on Friday, May 19, 2017 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. Mr. Armstrong was the first artist to go on exhibit at the center and the only artist who has been there twice. This will be the 11th closing since the opening of the center. The event is open to the public.

Today is the opening day for the t-ball league at the Derbyshire Sports Complex. This event will be held at 5:00 PM, with games beginning at 6:00 PM. This league is free to all participants and is ages 4-6 yrs. The Daytona Tortugas is the major sponsor as they are funding this league, providing shirts and hats for all team players. This will be a 3 year program, growing our player up. There are 8 teams with 10 players per team. The Tortugas have a foundation that will

assist with the growth of this t-ball league. They are also providing tickets to the minor league games. There is now a waiting list. The General Manager, Ryan Keur and the mascot for the Tortugas will be at the opening day events. It is a great partnership we have with the Tortugas since Port Orange and Ormond Beach reached out to them, but they wanted to do business in their home town of Daytona Beach. Next year, our sponsor will purchase the uniforms and their information will be listed on the shirts. Leisure Services was in conversations with another group, but later in negotiations, realized that they were a traveling team and our commitment would be in excess of \$100,000. Police Chief Capri has been very supportive and will be providing the color guards. Tortugas will provide an individual to sing the National Anthem and the zone commissioner will throw the first pitch. Amanda recommended that some type of signage or banner be posted to advertise the Tortuga games.

Steve asked what is being done on this side of town. That is good for Derbyshire, but many of the children on this side do not have transportation to the Derbyshire area. Helen stated that the Derbyshire Masterplan will be on the next commission agenda. There is a preliminary masterplan in place for Bethune Point Park and hopefully it will be on the next commission agenda as well. There is maintenance going on at Bethune Point now. They are running a pipe, a forced main to the river. During this time, the skate park is closed. Upon completion, they will have added a baseball and softball field as well as soccer field to that park.

The final phase of the Midtown Masterplan will begin. That plan calls for a little league field to be put in at the southwest corner of the Midtown property. The design is currently in Public Works. When complete, we will have fields at Derbyshire, Midtown and Bethune Point.

Steve asked if we could some programming by the South St. area. There is the Butts Park, but that is only a storm water park. We have no facilities on this side. It only takes a small piece of property to put in a park. Percy stated that Derbyshire has been designated as our sports complex.

Helen is working with Volusia County Schools in putting together an interlocal agreement at Campbell. The City would agree to allow the school system to use our facilities for events, such as high school graduations or other events and we would be able to run after school programs and athletic activities in exchange for the use of their fields. This has to go before the school board to sign off prior to proceeding to the city commission. Steve suggested that we expedite something for the kids for the summer. Steve wants kids to be able to play all over our city. Not only here, but on the beachside. Helen mentioned that we are also working on Sunnyland Park as well as Ortona. Steve believes that the city can grow the program for the entire city. This would be a win/win for the county to sign and get on board with this agreement. At is stands now, each individual principal can make the decision, but when signed by the county, the decision will be coming from the county in Deland and they will then dictate.

The t-ball season runs for 7 games through the end of the school year. We will then go directly into summer camp. It will be easy to grow this league up. Starting them young is easier that starting them out new. These teams will play each other. Most cities establish their own league. Previously, they played an inter-league where they play other cities. The t-ball schedule will be emailed to board.

OLD BUSINESS

Campbell Pool will open on time. The contractor will not have the heater in until August. But the pool will open for the summer. Registration for summer camp is on-going.

Helen announced that on May 13, they will once again host Midtown Motown. This will be the second event in the park. On June 2, the city will host their second movie at Daisystocking Park. The movie that will air is *Fences*.

Helen is working on the Mayors Backpack Giveaway. They are looking for sponsors, therefore, if you are aware of anyone who would like to assist in this endeavor, please refer them to me. They are going back to Daisystocking Park as part of Community Unity Day, Yvonne Scarlett-Golden and Schnebly. We are looking for sponsors to help out with children's uniforms.

Helen and Percy met with a neighborhood group at Sunnyland. They discussed improvements to the facility and park. They would be able to do additional programming at the park and facility. They plan to establish a walking trail, new fences and bathrooms.

Carol asked about NAIA. Helen stated it was extended for 2 more years.

The mayor is making a presentation to Daytona Pop Warner on May 20 for \$5000 that was raised in the Mayor's Golf Tournament.

Bruce McNorton will be hosting a football camp at the Derbyshire Sports Complex in June 1 & 2. He will be bringing some retired professional players to assist him with the camp. Bruce came up through our program and played in the NFL for 12 years. He is now a coach and scout for the Pittsburg Stealers.

Campbell Middle School is hosting a Festival in the Field on May 12 from 2:30 -8:30 PM. Leisure Services is partnering with the school in this event. Campbell is a struggling school and this is a way to bring the community around the school together. Campbell had been a failing school, therefore, students could opt out and go to other schools. In an attempt to turn the school around, they want to engage the community surrounding the school with games and rides. Many of the kids who go to Campbell are kids in our program. Leisure Services is working with them by providing resources and manpower. The Police Department as well as the Fire Department are involved. Campbell is the only middle school in the city limits. There are police officers in the school. Officer Grant is one of the resource officers. The principal has previously run an alternative school and has a lot of experience with difficult kids. He has reached out to the various organizations to come to assist. Campbell is the most segregated school in the county. We are changing that culture. Testing determines the success of the school. If you have 2 or 3 failing years, then the parents can opt out, many of which did opt out. If they continue to be a failing school, they shut the school down and the state takes over. Bonner was a neighborhood school that shut down. There is a move in the district to re-open Bonner. There are a lot of educators that are opting to go to Campbell with incentives attached. Steve asked that Dr. Picott share his field for baseball. Pop Warner already plays there.

BOARD COMMENTS

Amanda Glugover – Schnebly still does not have any playground equipment. Helen stated they are working on a park masterplan. They will bring in a consultant to review the parks and neighborhood they serve. This will be done in the city as a whole. Can the board be a part of the consultant meeting? Of course. Amanda was wondering if there is something that can be done in the meantime. The cost of a minimal piece of playground equipment is approximately \$40,000. The playground industry frowns upon relocating playground equipment for safety reasons. The new budget year allows for new playground equipment. The elements of the area, the salt air, determine the type of equipment that is purchased. It seems like it keeps getting pushed back. There are no parks on the beachside. Steve recommended that we go to sponsors to help.

Amanda asked about the progress of background screening. Percy stated that there is a document on the City Manager's desk that discussed what we can do. A Level 1 screening is not as evasive and can be used as long as they are in the presence of someone with a Level 2 screening. DCF has put new laws in place and those agencies, like Fire Department and child care have to be screening by June 1. Therefore, it will put our screening on the back burner. Volunteers have to go through the same screening.

Russell Holloway – Go Tortugas!

Dwayne Murray – No comment.

Carol Kilian – Thank you changing the meeting date.

Mykal Tairu – Looking forward to the opening day for t-ball.

Steve Miller – Verified that the meeting day and time has been changed. Russell Holloway made a motion to change the meeting of the Leisure Services Advisory Board to the 2nd Thursday at 9:00 AM, same location. Motion was seconded by Amanda Glugover. Motion passed.

Steve also mentioned the opening of Midtown Produce at 839 George W. Engram Blvd. Hours of operation are Monday thru Saturday, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

STAFF COMMENTS

None

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

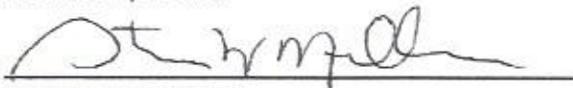
ADJOURNMENT

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

Steve Miller, Chair

Leisure Services Advisory Board

Reviewed by:


Steve Miller, Chair

Transcribed by: Betty Covington, Board Secretary