

# LEISURE SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

May 10, 2018

9:00 am

## CALL TO ORDER

Steve Miller called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.

## DEVOTION

John Huger

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All

## ROLL CALL

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Zone 1 - Amanda Glugover  
Zone 2 - Steve Miller – Chair  
Zone 4 - Carol Kilian  
Zone 6 - John Huger

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Zone 3 – Vacant  
Zone 5 – Vacant  
At Large - Dwayne Murray

## OTHERS PRESENT

Helen Riger, Director Cultural & Leisure Services  
Betty Covington, Secretary  
Keith Willis, Cultural & Leisure Services  
Terry Johnson, Cultural & Leisure Services

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Carol Kilian made a motion to approve April minutes, seconded by Amanda Glugover, and approval was unanimous.

## NEW BUSINESS

Helen Riger

- The new Program Guide has been published. It lists all the programs that are currently going on and lists the hours of operation for all the centers. The next publication will be released in July. Also listed is the VertiFit Aerial Arts program. This was out sourced to an engineering company and we are now waiting on the go ahead with the program.
- Step 1 of the Derbyshire Park drainage improvement project has started. This will include fixing the fields so they will not flood. Step 2 includes the walking trail and playground.
- The City is in the pre-construction stages for the bike trail/sweetheart trail along the Halifax River.
- Joe Harris Park is open and is frequently being used.
- Campbell Pool – there is a plan in place to build a new complex in the next budget year with grant money.

- Participation at the Apollo talent show at YSG exceeded expectations. There were approximately 100 participants with a range of talents. Leroy Meadows hopes to be able to host the Apollo talent show annually.
- Earth Day/Arbor Day was held at Ortona Elementary School. Flowers were given to a few of the classes. Prayers were said by our American Indian friends. WastePro and the Fire Department attended. This was a very educational program for the students.
- The 21th Annual Gymnastics Exhibition will be held on May 12.
- Staff is working on soliciting scholarships for children to attend the summer camp. The amount of \$368 covers the camp and all field trips. We have been working with the churches and senior oasis groups to raise funds. If you know of someone or an organization that is willing to help, please send them our way. We are holding summer camps at four locations this year; Ortona, Midtown, YSG, Sunnyland. YSG and Sunnyland were added to the schedule this year.

Steve Miller is concerned that the community children will be left out from using the Campbell Pool. He wants to assure that the pool does not get rented out and the children won't be able to use it. Helen stated that even though we rent the pools to swim teams to practice, it is still open and to the public for public use. The swim teams do not rent the entire pool. Summer hours will be expanded.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Keith Willis

- Once again we have a swim grant for the summer camp for 150 kids at \$25 per child. Every child who is registered for the summer camp will be able to attend the swim lessons. Steve asked if the sororities donated from the swim program. Keith explained that they did not, but normally the Linx donated. Steve will reach out to sororities for their support. Steve wants to get the service organizations and churches involved. He suggested that we make the donation letter personal and direct it to the organization.
- We have received 62 scholarships from the Volusia County to send kids to the summer camp. YSG will receive 2 scholarships, Midtown will receive 54 and Ortona will receive 6. Keith is completing interviews for the summer hires and now waiting on the screening approval. Staff will be sent to FRPA summer training to encourage participants to have a fun-filled summer. Athletics division will send 2 staff to the summer programs for 4 hours a day working with the kids and staff.
- Earth Day has been held at Ortona for the last 6 years, but next year, it will be held at Campbell Middle School. This will allow Turie T Small Elementary to participate.
- John Huger requested clarification on the fee structure in the Program Guide for the summer camp. It is a little confusing. Please update and change in future publications. Summer camp participation numbers are as follows per Mr. Willis: Midtown, 140; YSG, 50; Sunnyland, 50; Ortona, 85.
- Amanda Glugover asked if there was any way that we recognize these groups that donate money for scholarships. Ms. Riger takes pictures with the organizations and they get posted on our social media pages. Some people wish to remain anonymous. Mr. Willis mentioned that there was an appreciation banquet in previous years.

Terry Johnson

- Baseball has been a great success this year that finished with T-Ball. The Athletic division hosted a celebration closing out the season. They all received medallions. In the beginning, it

was tough, but they stuck with it and it finally all came together. They played against Ormond Beach, Port Orange and South Daytona. They won only one game, but the kids truly enjoyed it. The parents even pulled together and were supportive of the teams. They will have a pool party at Cypress Aquatics today.

- The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Gymnastics Exhibition will be held at the Schnebly Center on May 12 at 10:00 AM. It is open to the public.
- We are once again partnering with Bruce McNorton for the 6<sup>th</sup> year putting on a football camp on May 31 – June 2. This camp teaches skills and drills.
- The City is working on a basketball camp. This is the first year trying to do this. It will be a two week session teaching skills and drills and incorporating some training as well.
- Mr. Miller asked about the night time basketball for adults. Mr. Johnson stated that the City previously had a midnight basketball league, but it died out.

Mr. Miller introduced Zone 1 Commissioner, Ruth Trager. She expressed her appreciation for all the board does. This is strictly volunteer board and what this board does comes from the heart.

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

Zone 1 – Amanda Glugover – Requesting an update on VeriFit. Barrie Michaels has heard nothing from anyone on the staff. She is requesting that someone communicate with her. Ms. Riger stated that our engineers wanted someone else to inspect the beams to assure they were structural safe. So the redesign has been outsourced. Commissioner Trager asked that we expedite this procedure since the program is already advertised and the instructor is ready to start.

Ms. Glugover asked about the lighting for the basketball court at Schnebly. Ms. Riger stated that the playground is going to be on the June agenda. The pricing was adjusted and does not go into effect until May 5, therefore we had to wait until the new pricing came into effect. We were piggybacking off a contract with South Daytona and it was near expiration. Therefore legal requested a new contract be written. This will hopefully be on the commission agenda in June.

Zone 4 – Carol Kilian – Requested update on the Zip Line. As it turns out, there are two partners that are working together. Ms. Riger met with the second partner who is the contractor who stated he could rebuild the zip line in 1 to 4 days. There are things that need to be done before it opens, therefore, we are looking at about 1 month. 75% of it can be rebuilt. Ms. Riger will be meeting with the legal department to assure that the original contract is still good prior to proceeding.

Zone 6 – John Huger – Program Guide looks good. Mr. Huger is interested in getting the sub-committee meeting scheduled and be able to set up priority for the board. We are required to follow the Sunshine Law by posting the meeting and taking minutes. Ms. Riger is working with Beth Lemke on the parks masterplan. John Huger made a motion for the sub-committee, consisting of the regular board, to meet directly after the monthly regular meeting in June at the same location. Amanda Glugover seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Zone 2 – Steve Miller – Joe Harris Park looks great. He is very pleased with the outcome. Mr. Miller would like to see an adult male/female baseball team. What is the status of the baseball field behind the Midtown Center? Mr. Miller also requested a report on the conclusion of where the senior oasis will meet during the summer months. Mr. Willis stated that the last Sr. Oasis for each center will end in May. They are still contemplating the day that they will meet. They will meet at the Mickel Brown Activity Bldg at the Dickerson Center.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Presentation of trophies by Aperil Bradley, Director and owner of the Daytona Beach Gems. She started at YSG, but is now at the Dickerson Center. She runs a non-profit teaching girls from troubled areas baton and dance. The trophies on display have been received since November. They are undefeated, 3 years running as national champions. Fairmont State University offered one of her senior girls a full ride at one of the competitions in West Virginia. Also, some of the other girls that competed with the group received scholarships as well. The girls are also taught daily living skills. The costumes for these girls cost approximately \$250, therefore, they plan to do some fund raising to raise money to offset the cost. Mr. Miller expressed a sincere appreciation for all the Ms. Bradley does to help the community. Ms. Glugover suggested Ms. Bradley put her story on "Donors Choose". This is a website similar to the Go Fund Me page. But this site caters to companies that are willing to donate for a tax write off.

Mr. Willis would like to invite Ms. Bradley to visit the summer programs. There are groups of children that attend the summer program that do nothing. He would like to hopefully get these girls involved in something.

Hortense Geter, president of Midtown Sr. Oasis, prefer the seniors to meet on Tuesday. Since all the seniors will not be attending each meeting, she will be in charge of the June meeting, Irma from Dickerson will be in charge of the July meeting and Sandra from YSG will be in charge of the August meeting. The Sr. Oasis at Midtown sponsored a child for the summer camp. They will make the presentation on the following Tuesday.

Stella Hamilton – Dickerson Sr. Oasis. She schedules the weekly activities and finds it difficult planning trips when they have limited transportation, especially ADA accessible for those who need extra assistance. Ms. Hamilton is requesting that the City provide some type of van with lift capabilities so that everyone might be able to attend the trips. Could the City not acquire one of the vans the county has taken out of service? Ms. Glugover asked how many people would require the lift. Dickerson there are 3 – 4 and Midtown has approximately 7. Ms. Kilian mentioned getting a van and customizing it with the lift. That may be an option.

Betty Prince – The library on Keech St is closed on the weekend. We should open on the weekends. Mr. Miller will follow-up and get back with her. Her phone number is 386-253-0081.

John Nicholson – The County has lost 3 libraries in the county. With budget cuts, they are only open 5 days a week. There are people who run programs for the City, therefore, that is free staffing. Anyone who is offering to run a program in City facilities should not be charged. Why are we demolishing the Rec Center on City Island? It was initially stated that the center could not be re-habilitated, but then it was rehabilitated for the Cubs. It is a historic building. There is not a senior center in the City of Daytona Beach.

Frances Chew- She has used the computer lab at Midtown, Dickerson and YSG. She would like the "gun games" removed from the computers. They kids get loud and verbal. Keith stated that the City IT Department has put a block on them, but the kids are intelligent enough to break thru the system and download them on the computers.

Eddra Martin – The line dancing class would like to do a fund raiser to help scholarship children to the summer camp. Ms. Hamilton mentioned a group "grass roots giving" for kids in the community that could not attend the camps due to the cost.

## **STAFF COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Steve Miller, Chair  
Leisure Services Advisory Board

Reviewed by:   
Steve Miller, Chair

Transcribed by: Betty Covington, Board Secretary