



The CITY OF DAYTONA BEACH

ORANGE AVENUE RECREATION COMMITTEE

City Hall
Room 149-B
Special Meeting

301 South Ridgewood Avenue
Thursday, July 7, 2022
6:00 PM

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MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING – ORANGE AVENUE RECREATION CENTER COMMITTEE

July 7, 2022

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Orange Avenue Recreation Center (OARC) Committee of The City of Daytona Beach, Florida, held on Thursday, July 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., in room 149, City Hall, 301 South Ridgewood Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida.

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Kenneth Hunt (Vice Chair) Arrived 6:25 p.m.

William 'Bill' Chapin Present

Pierre Louis Present

Steven Pyle (Secretary) Present

Anne Ruby (Chair) Present

Nakeesha Harris Arrived 6:02 p.m.

Evans Smith Arrived 6:03 p.m.

Also Present:

Paula M. Long, Planner & OARC Staff Liaison

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Louis motioned to approve the agenda with the removal of item 5, approval of the minutes for June 22, 2022. Dr. Pyle seconded the motion. Motion carried without objection or roll call vote

4. Discussion of the submitted draft report

Ms. Long noted that the City Manager indicated that only one committee member will be available to

represent the committee when the City Manager presents the report to the commission, so if the committee wants Mr. Chapin to “drive” the architecture software, he will be the only one available. Dr. Pyle and Mr. Louis noted that they are fine with Mr. Chapin being the representing committee member. Ms. Ruby opposed. The committee decided to make this decision at the next meeting after speaking to the City Manager.

Dr. Pyle brought up previous discussions about providing multiple options, and how previously Mr. Chapin noted that providing multiple options is not such a good idea. Mr. Chapin noted that if you give a legislative body options, you never know what they’re going to pick. Ms. Ruby advocated for providing various options because it’s not possible for the committee to know enough to know what would work best. Mr. Louis also noted that there’s a large amount of options and that our task is to present our plan to the City Manager, and then the City Manager can do the due diligence to identify the most successful options. Ms. Harris suggested providing a 1st, 2nd, 3rd option. Mr. Chapin emphasized how flexible the building is, and that the committee should highlight that as an important aspect of how valuable the building is. Mr. Louis emphasized prioritizing the WACs, which was of resounding importance to the public.

Dr. Pyle discussed utilizing Virtual Reality (VR) to create as many virtual museums and/or learning experiences as desired in a limited space.

Mr. Chapin noted concerns about asking for at least 10% of the floor space for some usage. The committee decided to use “a functional percentage of the floor plan”.

Ms. Ruby brought up her discussions with a local restaurateur, who was very excited about the possibility of a restaurant in the building and had brought up the idea of the whole building becoming a food court.

Dr. Pyle suggested adding library users and employees to the slide on potential patrons.

Ms. Ruby brought up discussions with a local beach snack vendor and how they make a large markup on their sales. Thus, significant revenue could be generated from serving cold treats out of the original ticket window.

There was a discussion about parking and the Beep Shuttle.

Mr. Chapin brought up how the skinny pier to the south could be a useful tie-in.

Mr. Chapin noted that the Allman Brothers Band started at the OARC, and lots of other big acts played there.

Ms. Ruby brought up that sound projection is important to consider with musical acts. Ms. Long noted that sound issues are brought up at the marina all the time. Mr. Chapin considered that the design that had a restaurant to the south could help buffer the sound projection.

There was a discussion about how to mix together an event center with museum artifacts in the OARC.

There was a discussion about how the city should feel responsible for allowing the building to fall to such a poor state, and it should feel responsible to fix it regardless of grant funds. Mr. Chapin noted that the building, when fixed, would be worth \$2.8million.

There was a discussion of how to best utilize one more meeting with Beth Gibson to pull together grant funding sources.

Ms. Long emphasized the importance of listing specific tie-ins. Ms. Ruby agreed to add them in.

A discussion ensued about an additional special meeting. The committee decided on July 18th 2 p.m. or 6 p.m.

6. Committee Members Comments

Mr. Hunt informed the committee that the Downtown Redevelopment Committee voted 2-2 for the historic overlay for the OARC.

Mr. Louis informed the committee that he recently met with a former WAC, who was a wealth of knowledge and could perhaps be a resource.

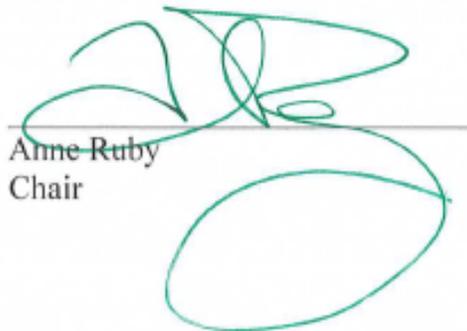
7. Staff Comments

Ms. Long informed the committee that she has a different meeting at the same time as the next OARC general meeting, but she is the first agenda item after the approval of the agenda and minutes and should be able to get to the OARC meeting with a short delay.

8. Public Comments

9. Adjournment

There being no further discussion or comments the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.


Anne Ruby
Chair

ATTEST:


Steven Pyle
Secretary