



# The CITY OF DAYTONA BEACH ORANGE AVENUE RECREATION COMMITTEE

City Hall  
Room 149-B  
Regular Meeting

301 South Ridgewood Avenue  
Wednesday, July 27, 2022  
6:00 PM

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## MINUTES

### ORANGE AVENUE RECREATION CENTER COMMITTEE

July 27, 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 27, 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 6:01 p.m.

#### 2. Roll Call

Kenneth Hunt (Vice Chair) Present  
William 'Bill' Chapin Arrived 6:10 p.m.  
Pierre Louis Present  
Steven Pyle (Secretary) Present  
Anne Ruby (Chair) Present  
Nakeesha Harris Present  
Evans Smith Arrived 6:09 p.m.

Also Present:

Paula M. Long, Planner & OARC Staff Liaison  
Beth Gibson, Grant/Funding Liaison

#### 3. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Louis motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion carried without objection or roll call vote.

#### 4. Approval of the Minutes for the meeting of July 18, 2022

Mr. Louis motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Hunt seconded the motion. Motion carried without objection or roll call vote.

## 5. Discussion with Beth Gibson

Ms. Long provided information about a percent rent agreement with Mama Foo Foo's, and potential staff costs for the OARC.

Beth Gibson confirmed that the original list of potential funding sources she provided in an earlier meeting was still valid with the committee's proposed uses & tie-ins. It was discussed and accepted to add a few more potential sources as well.

Mr. Louis inquired if involving a non-profit would help with obtaining grant funds. Ms. Gibson noted that a non-profit foundation could do its own fundraising.

Mr. Hunt inquired about what percent of the grants does the OARC have a realistic potential to get. Ms. Gibson was very positive and highlighted if they plan gets full support and becomes a hard project with implementation plan, it would become a very competitive project.

## 6. Discussion on the submitted Draft Report/Presentation

Mr. Chapin suggested that the committee propose that the city repair it immediately to make it an asset and then work on further renovations. Dr. Pyle brought up earlier discussions about how the Commission has previously demonstrated that they don't seem to have an appetite for just repairing it. Mr. Louis noted that making such a proposal was not a part of the committee's charge. Mr. Smith noted that the City Manager has clearly stated that he doesn't support putting "lipstick on a pig". Mr. Hunt suggested adding that proposal to the submitted report, but not the presentation. Ms. Harris noted that it's difficult to repair when the use hasn't been decided; to which Mr. Chapin emphasized that the repair would be just enough to get the building air conditioned and eliminate the mold. Ms. Ruby opined that our charge was to give the Commission a vision that intrigues them enough to move forward with the project.

Mr. Chapin suggested going to our appointed Commissioners and pitch the ideas before the Commission meeting that this item is to be presented at.

The committee watched the draft presentation video that Ms. Ruby provided.

Ms. Long suggested the committee have another special session to approve the minutes of this meeting, incorporate the new information from this meeting into the report & presentation, and then vote on the final report & presentation. The committee decided on Monday August 1 at 6 p.m. or Tuesday August 2 at 6 p.m. depending on room availability.

## 7. Public Comments

Norm Anderson noted that the Veteran's Museum was repaired up to code by the city, and then the organization had to pay for any additional renovations. He also asked for advice on inviting a 100-year-old original WAC. Ms. Ruby suggested having her write a letter and let someone read the letter into the record.

John Nicholson suggested that it would be dynamite for the 100-year-old WAC to show up. He also noted that the biggest issue the Commission had was funding, so list as many funding sources as possible in the presentation.

Fredrick "Rick" Brown noted that one of the most important things in war is R&R, the OARC building was built to high standards, most of the blame for the condition of the building should be put on the previous city manager, the OARC has an opportunity to tie a lot of projects in the city together, there should be more feedback from veterans, he doesn't like changing the name, recreation should be at the forefront, the facility should not be just a museum, he likes the idea of food service, there's opportunities

for corporate participation, and suggested emphasizing the meeting space use more in the presentation.

Sandy Murphy suggested Mr. Chapin and Ms. Ruby do a full presentation at the next meeting prior to the vote.

8. Committee Member Comments

Mr. Chapin noted that the previous city manager was a genius at inhibiting this project, and he's excited that there's an opportunity to move this project forward.

Ms. Ruby inquired about how much virtual reality experiences typically cost and how it could be a potential revenue producer. Dr. Pyle noted that you typically purchase time chunks such as 15 or 30 minutes.

9. Staff Comments

Ms. Long noted that, because of sunshine laws, only one committee member may speak at the planning board meeting.

10. Adjournment

There being no further discussion or comments the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

  
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Anne Ruby  
Chair

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Steven Pyle  
Secretary