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LEISURE SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

April 13, 2023

9:06 AM

CALL TO ORDER

Malcolm Williams called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM.

DEVOTION

Keith Willis

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT/ABSENT

Zone 1 – Amanda Glugover - Present

Zone 2 – **Vacant**

Zone 3 – Theresa Quattrociocchi -Present

Zone 4 – Carol Kilian - Present

Zone 5 – Malcolm Williams - Present

Zone 6 – Devita Bonner – Absent

At Large – Luke McCoy - Absent

OTHERS PRESENT

Keith Willis – Director of Parks & Rec.

Sharonda Irvin – Secretary

Justin Valleyjo - Communications

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 9, 2023

COMMISSION MEETINGS:

N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

Keith Willis

- The Baseball teams are getting ready to play their first game, there are 2 teams. Luke has been a big part of that. He is not here to talk about it so, we are crawling but it's going forth.

- The Seafood Festival is April 29th. The last meeting that we had we had 8 Seafood Vendors and another 6 vendors that do other stuff as well as Seafood. I think it's going to be great. It's on the corner of Charles Street and MMB from 11am till 8pm.
- We have I believe 3 that have passed the background screen for summer hires and about 8 that are in process. I have contacted Embry Riddle student center so they said they are pretty sure that we can get lifeguards and summer camp counselors that way.
- If you guys know of anyone that needs summer camp care for their children let them know that this is the time now to register for the Volusia County Scholarship. We charge \$30.00 per week, but the County paid most of the fee's last year. The parent will only pay maybe \$2.00 or \$1.50 per week per child. The age group is 5 – 14. The Scholarship pays the full amount this year.
- I do have the Comp Plan, I will pass them out, but we will have to set up a date so we can do what you did with the other one.

Carol Kilian

- Yes, if anyone wants to participate. We go down line by line and cross that out or update this or that and it works really well.

Amanda Glugover

- We are going to do a sub-committee for this correct?

Carol Kilan

- Yes, we will do a subcommittee. We will pick a couple of dates and it shouldn't be all of us, just 2 or 3 of us to help with this. Especially those of us who have been here forever Amanda, it's helpful.

Keith Willis

- We have the City Zoning and the Comp Plan.

Malcolm Williams

- My question to the board is do we want to get ahead of this, or do we want to wait until the changes are made and then come back with that. How do you see yourselves doing this. Also, does the City have the citizen surveys responses back that were centered around the Parks & Recreation department?

Keith Willis

- I don't know, but they had the meeting. They put up plans A, B & C for them to pick and choose from so I don't know. I suggest we get ahead of it, because we may do something and then it changes again.

Theresa Quattrociochi

- Do we want to choose a date today that we can get together or wait till you figure it out?

Carol Kilian

- Well, the Zoning is different from the Comp Plan. We don't have very much to do with the Zoning but there are two different Zonings with a possible third. That input would be from the hip from this point.

Malcolm Williams

- I would like to suggest the Comp Plan be headed by Mrs. Amanda, Mrs. Theresa and Mrs. Carol. Then allow you three to coordinate with the secretary for meeting time and date and we will follow you guys lead if that's ok with you all.

All Agreed!

(BANTER)

Amanda Glugover

- Just so you know we are all educated with the Sunshine law. An Attorney came, and we had a training to be on this board so we are not ignorant on how this works but thank you for your comments.

Malcolm Williams

- Stadium Locker Rooms and Seating upgrades

Keith Willis

- They are getting ready to seal the stadium for the leaks. The bleachers are getting ready to come out so they can do the seals. The burgundy and gold seats are being replaced and will be completed by the first home game. Also, they are trying to redesign the locker rooms. They found the lockers that they want, but the issue is the showers. Cause they have the one pole with the six spickets coming out and they are getting away from that. Then, when you change that then you must change pipes to meet codes then the money keeps going up. It should be completed by the first home game in August.

(BANTER)

Malcolm Williams

- I would ask that once the upgrades are completed that we take pictures throughout this process, because it's going to be one of the most talked about issues this football season.

Carol Kilian

- How are we coming along with the new Parks & Rec. Book.

Keith Willis

- We must wait for the completion of all the projects at these facilities then Louis will go out with the drone and take pictures of all the facilities, and we will put it together.

Carol Kilian

- This probably won't be until fall then so ok.

Keith Willis

- They are getting ready to start the renovations on the Daisy Stocking Park. It is on the next agenda for the Commission Meeting, and they should start 2 –3 weeks after that.

Malcolm Williams

- Is it possible to get a one sheet of the projects that we have going on just to keep up with where it's at and its proposed completion dates.

NEW BUSINESS:

Keith Willis

- Next Thursday we are putting on a parade for the Mainland High School State Championships. It will be at 6pm on Beach St., and it will run south to Magnolia Ave. then into the Jackie Robinson Stadium Ball Park. There, we will recognize the Girls Basketball Team, Boys Basketball Team and the Boys Football Team that came runner up in State. Also, they have a couple of girls and boys that went to State in Wrestling as well. We have approx. 40 – 50 entries that will be in the parade. No judges or anything just a simple walk through and we will have the ceremony inside the ballpark.
- If you have not yet ridden by the Dickerson Center, you can see it coming together now. They are also doing the floor in the Gym. It should be done by next Friday, yes, a new Basketball Floor. By June 1st is the proposed completion date if the punch list is completed by then.

Carol Kilian

- I would like to suggest that if it's done by June that we have our monthly meeting there at the Dickerson Center.

Keith Willis

- YES! We can have it in the Gym!

BOARD /CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Shay Moss

- The dances at these facilities they were to be Teen dances, what happened with that.

Keith Willis

- We have not looked into that yet.

Malcolm Williams

- We will keep bringing this back up periodically.

Shay Moss

- Are they ever going to put any playground equipment here in this park?

Keith Willis

- Yes, we are in the process of working that out. But they are pushing more at the Sunnyland Park now which has nothing there right now then come over here.

Shay Moss

- The Parking Lot that you all did at Sunnyland was very nicely done!

Keith Willis

- They are also getting ready to do the dugouts since the BCU Girls play there. They are going to redo them to meet the SWAC standards and redo the press box as well. So, it will be very nice over there when it's done.

Rick Brown

- Note to the minor corrections needed to the approved minutes.

- As I pointed out with Lenox Park, I want to thank the person that is responsible for updating this information online, it's a long way from completion but it's coming along. As you mentioned the pictures still need to be added. I think that it's important that the citizens know where they are. I think there is better mapping, again I get paid the same as you all do, "nothing" to be here. But I'm more than willing to assist the City in helping this. I wouldn't mind being a "Beta Person" to say, "Hey how does this come across to the citizens". I have no current means of doing this. But I did write software for many, many years so I do know how it works for the same quality pay that the rest of the members make. I do appreciate you all being here. I know there was a lot of comments about we don't get paid to be here, but I think that this board is more important than you seem to think it is, because it is our voice. The City Commission Meeting are obviously too busy because a lot of the issues that I brought up hadn't been brought up in the meetings and you guys had the opportunity to formalize these issues and present them in a more formal fashion. I really do believe that your job is lot more important than you seem to give yourself credit for. That is why I'm glad that this board has reconvened. NOW, as far as the fence goes Mr. Willis in the minutes you stated that they would only cut holes in the fence again, but there has never been a fence on the east side. The only fence that's there is the fence put up by the commercial establishment that's there but not on City property. Now the original fence that was put up around Lenox Park was a cyclone fence. A Cyclone Fence is a little bit different it's galvanized. Now the metal fence that was put on the dog fence was a little cheaper fence. It's just a vinyl covered steel it does not hold up. Galvanized steel fence will last 100 years or more. That's why I believe that the City should use that. Now it was brought up in the City Commission that why I feel that that it's appropriate here that there should be a fence on that side. So, to say that it will have another hole cut in it is not factual because it never had a fence there to begin with. So, I am reiterating my request that we have a fence put there on the east side on the City property. Again, I will wait on the updates to this information online. And I thank the secretary for the most detailed notes. I would like to remind the Commissioner of Zone 2 to fill this seat.

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS:

Amanda Glugover

- So, I have a question for the group, is the building on Mason Ave. formerly the Bowling Alley is it still a Bowling Alley on the inside?

Keith Willis

- I don't know because it has been vacant for so long we have no idea it could have been gutted on the inside.

Amanda Glugover

- There are people that would do a bowling league in there. Do you think the City would have any interest in buying it and making it into a bowling alley again. I know a lot of people would utilize it.

Malcolm Williams

- I think it's crazy. This is just my opinion. If you look at the totality of bowling alleys in the area they are gone.

Amanda Glugover

- But people want them, they are packed at the other places.

Malcolm Williams

- I think we are shooting ourselves in the foot, that building, that location, that road itself needs to be redone. Then we are trying to put almost a million dollars into that. That roof is not good. I can only imagine what the inside looks like. A project of that magnitude I just don't see it happening.

Amanda Glugover

- How do you know so much about that building?

Malcolm Williams

- Because I wanted to buy it at one time.

(Banter)

Malcolm Williams

- It's going to be a prime real estate once the roads are redone, that would be a good location for our own event center. We kind of double our community centers as rental facilities, but I think that would be a prime location for an event center.

Amanda Glugover

- I think I'm going to push it with my commissioner, to look into this. I mean they used it for hype, and it was always in that location, and it didn't look any better than this before. I mean you made Sunnyland better so I'm just throwing it out there.

Theresa Quattrociocchi

- There are a lot of properties that are going down and that could be good to just build a bowling alley on these properties.

(BANTER)

Keith Willis

- I want to say that we have 1.7 million allocated for the Officials locker room at the stadium and we can't get the design to bring us something under that amount. It's going on a year now. Because when Bethune Cookman moved from the MEAC the requirements changed for the SWAC which is 18 officials instead of 6. So, for the current locker room 4 people is too many, a now you put women into the mix as officials now we need separate. Now we are using tents as dressing rooms. Same this as North Street, park we asked for a simple restroom, and it came back for almost \$400,000.00 dollars for the ticket price. Then every time you wait the materials go up in price even though we have the monies.

Theresa Quattrociocchi

- Breakers Park is looking wonderful. As I look at this thing we have been talking about lighting for Lenox Park, I don't know where this is coming from.

Malcolm Williams

- That was just simple conversation about it was all.

Theresa Quattrociocchi

- The back side that he is saying there is no fence, I think there may be a 4-foot fence there and I think he is maybe saying make the fence higher there. Because right now since there is no fence there the vagrants are camping there.

Malcolm Williams

- My thing is if it's not City property the City won't put a fence there.

(BANTER)

Theresa Quattrociocchi

- I think the vagrants think that they are hidden there but they are not, so it would be good to make the fence higher.

Keith Willis

- So let me give you a little bit of information. I met with the IT department to look at how much it would cost to get cameras to put out there, and I think it was around \$20,000 dollars for the one that we chose. That's in the process now. Because the two benches out there in the back that's where they say the sexual things are happening out there. We are going to get it where it rotates the area. Also, the dog parks I understand that they are doing something with the Dog Park as well because the dogs are digging holes under the fence so the City keeps filling the holes with dirt.

Theresa Quattrociocchi

- Well can we just move the concrete benches somewhere else. I mean they came in and poured concrete slabs there. Why? Do you know when the funds are going to come in to do this camera project?

Keith Willis

- I don't know because I had to present this to the City Manager because we don't have it in our budget. I think we may be able to use Arbor Funds, I'm not sure yet. I just had a meeting last week and he gave me the three different plans. We just chained the picnic tables down because the kids are stacking the tables to get up on top of the pavilion. So, we took care of that.

(BANTER)

Theresa Quattrociocchi

- The motorcycles are cutting the grassy area up at the park, so if you can speak to someone about that it would help.

Keith Willis

- I will speak to Chief Young about that when I leave here.

Carol Kilian

- I'm good but, does anyone know what the last Zoning workshop meeting brought up about.

Malcolm Williams

- The last thing that I remember hearing was they questioning about how to redistrict the zones based off the last election. The last thing was that they wanted the "Mapper" to redistrict the zones by population and not by elected officials. So, that's going to be another map that possibly comes out. What we are trying to do is get each zone population level.

(BANTER) - ZONE 5 and Zone 4 will really be affected.

(BANTER)

Malcolm Williams

- They want to keep the Beachside zones strictly Beachside because it crosses over the bridge. So that's going to be another issue.
- My comments will be brief today. I am definitely trying to get the youth dances back. Having the City get involved I think it will change the attitude of our young people. I'm hoping that this will be an additional bonus to them that when they do right, they get rewarded. My first order of business as the new chairperson is to give honor to the old chairperson Mrs. Carol Kilian for her dedicated years of service to this board. I want to thank you for all your leadership and service to the City, and to this board. And, for giving me a shining light to look forward to so I can serve this board to the best of my ability.

Keith Willis

- I finally have your shirts for the board. (Passing Out Shirts).

Malcolm Williams

- Mrs. Strapp do you think the Oasis Presidents can come give us a run- down of their program. So, we can see the needs and try to get ahead of it this year.

Sandra Strapp

- We don't meet during the Summer. We return the 1st week of September. Actually, the president is Claudia McConnehead, I stepped in because she is ill. I can't say if she is back, but if not, I'd be more than happy to.

Keith Willis

- I will set it up because I have an end of the year meeting with them coming up.

Malcolm Williams

- Motion to adjourn.
- Motion by Amanda Glugover. Seconded by Theresa Quattrociocchi. All in favor

Carol Kilian – Meeting called for adjournment

