

Speaker 1 ([00:02](#)):

Parks and Rec advisory board meeting. May 11th, 2023, approximately 9:21 AM

Speaker 2 ([00:10](#)):

Sir, you wanna

Speaker 3 ([00:11](#)):

Go ahead and call order roll Call please.

Speaker 2 ([00:14](#)):

Roll

Speaker 1 ([00:15](#)):

Call zone one. Amended blue cover here. Zone two vacant. Zone three. Teresa Cheki. Absent. Zone four. Carol Killian. Absent. Zone five. Malcolm Williams.

Speaker 2 ([00:30](#)):

Present. Oh, present. Pardon? Zone

Speaker 1 ([00:32](#)):

Six. Deputy Honor, present at large. Luke McCoy Here.

Speaker 2 ([00:37](#)):

Director of

Speaker 1 ([00:39](#)):

Parks and Rec, Keith Willis. Here. Secretary Shonda.

Speaker 3 ([00:42](#)):

Thank you, secretary Willer. And have a devotion, Mr. Book McCoy.

Speaker 2 ([00:47](#)):

Shall

Speaker 4 ([00:47](#)):

We pray Our great God, Lord, and Savior you. Lord we love you. We honor you and we praise you. We magnify God. Holy name. This is the day that the Lord has made and we shall rejoice and be glad in Jesus. Please regulate our minds. Open up our hearts and let us be able to conduct business to represent Parks and Rec for the city of Daytona Beach. All these questions act in Jesus' name. Amen.

Speaker 2 ([01:24](#)):

Amen.

Speaker 3 ([01:25](#)):

Pledge

Speaker 2 ([01:34](#)):

United States of America and to the Republic which stands, one Nation under God invisible liberty. Justice.

Speaker 3 ([01:47](#)):

Thank you. May I have a approval of the minutes from our April 13th meeting?

Speaker 2 ([01:53](#)):

Corrections? Aye. I approve them. You

Speaker 3 ([01:56](#)):

Have a motion to approve the minutes? Second. Second. Was there any corrections?

Speaker 2 ([02:03](#)):

I rega you the second.

Speaker 3 ([02:05](#)):

Alright. You wanna read those corrections in the record?

Speaker 1 ([02:10](#)):

Is it? Is one Bel word.

Speaker 2 ([02:12](#)):

Gotcha. I got it

Speaker 3 ([02:12](#)):

Sir. Thank you. Ready to vote?

Speaker 1 ([02:14](#)):

Software. Software.

Speaker 2 ([02:15](#)):

All

Speaker 3 ([02:16](#)):

Approved. Say hi Aye. Aye. Stand approved as Read with Corrections. Um, if it's possible is everybody's okay. I'm gonna go ahead and move citizen comments up to now. Okay. Uh, we're going to go ahead and move the agenda. We're gonna start with our citizens. Comment. You one? Yes sir. Yes ma'am. Go ahead sir

Speaker 5 (02:42):

Ridge, Daytona Beach.

Speaker 2 (02:43):

Um,

Speaker 5 (02:44):

Just one small point, Keith. I don't know, we can find it, the budget, but can you get a finale for the flag? This one apparently was appropriated for something else, but

Speaker 5 (02:56):

Okay. You understand what I'm talking about, right? Screws on the top? Yes. The eagle. American flags have equals have. Um, again, I, uh, uh, I thank you. Those who are present and I know some other people, uh, my brother. Thanks. But thank you for being here again. I wanna reiterate how important I feel this board is re regardless of, uh, how sometimes it feels like it, it doesn't do things. I think it does. And again, it is our voice. Um, as far as Lennox Parks goes, I have talked to residents directly and I know the representative, unfortunately he's not here, um, stated that, uh, the residents didn't want additional lighting. And what I'm finding is, is by actually talking to the residents that live around the park that are affected it, they do and they don't want the activities that are currently going on in the park.

Speaker 5 (03:58):

Um, there was quite a bit of discussion about actually putting a fence in on the east side because there has never been a city owned fence put on the east side. The fence that was done commercially is in it was, uh, way too short and it's in terrible condition. The pro the hotel property on the northeast corner is quite a bit of trash debris and it's very unsightly and of course with no fence, whatnot. It's obviously a clear path for, um, homeless and other people, uh, with other agendas that are not, uh, for the best of the community coming in from that side. So, uh, we probably should get code enforcement on that. I guess we'll have to do a call because it's, it's, it's quite a mess. Uh, also, I want to ask, um, I don't know if, if Mr. Willis has a, uh, an update on that. Is, uh, the, uh, landscaping people bush landscaping, are they being held accountable for the damage damages to the infrastructure at Lennox Park?

Speaker 4 (05:07):

I'm not sure, but I know that me and David Wall walked the whole park and they are over there this week doing whatever, but they're taking care of a lot of the issues over there and the fence was one of the main concerns that was gonna go up over there, so. Okay, good. Um, we didn't talk about infrastructure, so I'm not sure, but we did walk the entire park and I know that there's two cameras coming up to take care of that area where the, the benches are. And, um,

Speaker 5 (05:35):

You're talking about on the east side? Yeah. Okay. The east side. Yeah. Yeah. Okay. Yeah, cuz there's a lot of other activity going on after the park hours in the parking lot area. Um, so we say less than legal activities are going on there, which one of the reasons the residents and we constantly are having people sleep in behind, uh, the homes on BOL there, uh, on that end of the park, which again, hopefully the camera would, would do something. But the, the lighting again, I, I try and encourage to put motion sets of lighting in there. So again, the residents want it, even though the representative says they don't.

I've actually talked to them, I'd like to get a more complete survey house by house by house, but you know, again, that'll take some time. Um, it's, it's, uh, I'd like to see an update to some of the earlier concerns that I have. Again, timelines for some of the projects that we have. Um, I would, it would be nice to have them updated, especially on the website so I wouldn't have to ask her at the meeting. Um, again, we're looking forward to the Dickerson Center opening soon. Is it still on target for June one?

Speaker 3 (06:51):

Thank you sir.

Speaker 5 (06:52):

Thank you very much. Thank you.

Speaker 3 (06:54):

We'll make sure this is recorded in our record and we'll thank you. Yes ma'am.

Speaker 6 (07:03):

Set street. Yes ma'am. Just want to thank the park and had Asis and Chair had a trip this past week to St. August. Team. We had a good time. Me and enjoy everybody got, um, bus Bris got compensated, everybody took uh, uh, collected something for up and they were really good for us.

Speaker 3 (07:26):

Commission meeting, update.

Speaker 4 (07:30):

I wasn't in attendance. Uh, and the reason I, I'm not, we don't have anything on the agendas not required us to be there. Um, so if my son has a game, I don't make the game and I don't

Speaker 3 (07:41):

Know. So Sounds good with all of us. Uh, how business, anybody want to, um, get an update or information on any of the old business posted on the agenda? Yes ma'am. I'm sorry. Do you wanna go through it or did?

Speaker 4 (07:58):

I'm gonna go through Okay. Real quick. Uh, I'll let Luke talk about the baseball game that they had and then I'll then I'll go follow you. Okay. We had our first game, um, Tuesday night at Bethune point. Um, we lost six to five. We were playing a travel team that their players are paying \$200 a month to play. They practiced five days a week. Um, I sent out text messages, um, to everyone in my database. We had 50 to 60 people, um, in attendance. We had so many people that we took up their, um, bleachers. Um, naturally they are <laugh> way more advanced than we are, but we way more athletic <laugh> that makes a difference. And we put it, you know, they thought it was gonna be the sturdy than nothing and it was just so, we were so excited. Um, no one on our team, including myself, left there Tuesday night.

Speaker 4 (09:21):

Like we had lost the game. So we were very excited. Um, and what was the, I don't know who I need to talk to to, um, cause the time has come, come to an end has, has took us the entire season to go from

four kids to, um, close to 30 kids now. So, um, and I have more kids coming and my request now is to whatever the city has that's costing them to alleviate, alleviate them of that cost and just requesting the use of the equipment in the field to be able to go year round, we can make it happen. Mm-hmm. <affirmative>, we just have to schedule Which field y'all play on? Um, the new little league. So you said practice or play? We practice at Derby Shop. Okay. And, um, that's just for, like, that's the new film. So that's what you wanna do if y'all do year round. You, you rather be out there at <inaudible>? Yes. Okay. Yes. And actually play out there. Okay. I, I feel confident pack, uh, Derby. So I'll give you and give you um, Demetrius's number so we can block it off. You'll get the dates with her and we'll block it off. So you'll be in the that. So it'll be blocked off just for you and our youth baseball program. Mm-hmm. <affirmative>, we'll just get the dates and, and schedule a whole year round for it every Monday and Wednesday. Okay.

Speaker 4 ([11:09](#)):

What was the agents for that game? It's actually, um, we're not turning anyone <laugh> technically Little league baseball around nine to 12. But I have six year olds <laugh> because earlier I get them more. More training. Yeah. Okay. Alright. Seafood. So the seafood festival turned out very well. Um, very well attended. Um, very diverse. Uh, it was a long day. We shortened the hours. I think we could have went a little longer since the rain, but um, the rain held off until about six 15. Uh, we contemplated on Friday about should we move to another week or whatever, but we made a decision with the commissioner, let's go for it. People are coming down and I think it was great. So I think it's gonna get bigger mm-hmm. <affirmative>, um, where we can just the entire street. And I, so hats off to Brittany and Paul and all my staff that put that on.

Speaker 4 ([12:18](#)):

Um, with the summer hires, we are at seven right now, which is good, but I didn't meet with the city manager. Um, I had my director's luncheon last month and yesterday and City Daytona Beach, we are the lowest paid, um, city when it comes to casual workers. So they're starting their casuals out at \$15 an hour. We're starting out at 13, but our full-time workers come in at 15. So what, that's the issue. It's gonna be a ripple effect through the whole, throughout the whole city. Yeah. So it's gonna be a challenge to, to bring everything up. Um, the one aquatic, uh, pool that we got, um, quote from, they start out \$18 an hour and we're at \$13 an hour. Mm-hmm. <affirmative> 15 if you have your WSI certification. So there's a big gap that we, but we were, we were the first city to go to \$15 an hour full-time, but now we're back behind the eight ball again.

Speaker 4 ([13:16](#)):

So he's aware of it. Um, I've talked to uh, human resources so we're trying to see what we can do, but I don't know if it's gonna happen this summer. That's one of the reasons that the, uh, hiring is so low. So, um, we did, we did turn down, uh, Palm Terrace and Turt. We're gonna go with our other five sites and try to cover those and then we'll maybe make sure we can, um, if the pay go up, we can be able to open those two summer sites up. Are y'all up the capacity here? We're getting there. I think we are at 70 something at y sg 60 something here on eight at Sunnyland and have six left. They only have six slots left on the beach side. Um, <inaudible> So we we're getting there once y'all, um, get <laugh> School Fisher started last Monday.

Speaker 4 ([14:18](#)):

Um, the Blue County Scholarship was in full effect this year. They're paying a hundred percent. So there won't be no \$2 and \$3. They're paying a hundred percent for the parents. Um, the comp plan, me, Carol and Teresa, we started that. So now I'm going upstairs to get that kind of changed up to update it to this year. It's it's back in 19 or 2003 or 2000. It's, it's very old. So we did work on that. Um, the mainland parade was very well attended. Um, I think it was great. Uh, mainland just had an outstanding year this year and it's my understanding the flag football girls are going to the state. Um, they're trying to find somewhere to practice today. Um, and might their soccer, it's two different groups are doing something. So they've had an outstanding year. Track. Track. Yes. That's what it is.

Speaker 4 (15:17):

Yeah. Um, Dickerson completion date, um, the playground equipment is in, the basketball court is laid, the basketball court has to sit for a month. The south side parking lot has been paved up until the pool. So today, today and tomorrow they should be completing the rest of the pavement going north. So, um, it's supposed to be completion, but I know that the date they laid the court, it's a month out. So that's gonna be a delay until June just the court. Um, cause they say it has to sit one month. So, um, but it's looking good over there. They have completed the, uh, the gym, beautiful floor. Um, so I've also, I already let the kids go in. Some people didn't like it, but imagine being a kid. Yeah. And you walk past the gym and you can see the floor and you can't go in there.

Speaker 4 (16:17):

You can't go outside the plate cause they're doing construction out there. So let 'em use the gym and we'll clean it up and, and we have the great opening. Hey, it'll be fine. Yeah. I mean it's get you, it's, that's what it's for. And the public loves it so they, they're able to come in there. They were trying to let the kids play in the front of, if you familiar with center, it's nothing in the front on um, mlk. So they're trying to play in the grass and I'm not comfortable with that. Cause ball walk roll. Yeah, it, it is. So lemme use the gym. So, ah, but it's looking good. So our next project there is to redo the stage and get new curtains on the stage. So itself, so we're, we're gonna make it look good.

Speaker 2 (17:03):

That's cool. Ask stuff or are you done? I don't wanna,

Speaker 4 (17:14):

Um, I'm not sure. We, we got the scholarship for the homeless kids and the domestic abuse kids. Um, we got got \$20,000 secured for those kids. So what we do, we pick up the homeless shelter kids, which is at the old Hurst Elementary. And uh, we bring 'em here or, or Sunday land and then we send a separate band to pick up domestic abuse. You can't mix those kids cause they're hiding in the domestic abuse. Right. And uh, so their field trips and their fee is a hundred percent, um, paid for mm-hmm. <affirmative>? Yes

Speaker 7 (17:53):

Ma'am. Okay, so what's the latest, you know, I'm gonna ask about the, um, peninsula Club because I know Commissioner Paris was gonna say something about it at the commissioner and then I missed the commissioner. So I don't know

Speaker 4 (18:06):

If I'm not mistaken, I think the tables have been ordered. Um, that was the issue. The tables and chairs. Oh yeah. In order. Yeah. I, okay. We're just

Speaker 7 (18:15):
Waiting

Speaker 4 (18:15):
On 'em. Yes.

Speaker 7 (18:16):
So everything's been painted and we dunno,

Speaker 4 (18:21):
I think, I'm not sure cause I know they said something about the ballroom, not the ballroom, but the tea room. Okay. They're wait to painted that.

Speaker 7 (18:29):
Um, but the big part was painted at me. Yes.

Speaker 4 (18:32):
Okay. It's, it's, it's about

Speaker 7 (18:35):
Press.

Speaker 4 (18:35):
Yeah. I'm readying for the ladies to get in there. Yeah, I'm ready for 'em to get in there.

Speaker 7 (18:38):
Well, um, okay, so at that question minute, um, the other thing, I guess we can't really talk about it and maybe I'm jumping ahead, but, um, it's the subcommittee that I completely <laugh> missed. Um, and I guess <inaudible> aren't here so we don't table it until next time or whatever. But is that something we're gonna do? I dunno. Did did you guys, did you go, was there, there was a subcommittee meeting.

Speaker 4 (19:04):
We just had the, we did the comp plan. Were you were supposed to be there. Yes. Yeah. But we went on four and went through it. Okay. As much as we could. Um, so we're gonna go to develop services. They did one and they're gonna help us.

Speaker 7 (19:17):
Oh, okay. So you'll have like another Yes, because I'm really,

Speaker 4 (19:20):
I will, I mean

Speaker 7 ([19:21](#)):

Either that Okay.

Speaker 4 ([19:23](#)):

Some of em didn't make sense and uh, okay. We're gonna try to change some of the things on there.

Speaker 7 ([19:28](#)):

Okay. Cool.

Speaker 4 ([19:30](#)):

Okay. Any new business from the board? All we're move our boards, uh, board McCoy record. Well, um, I already addressed mine during the baseball. Yes sir.

Speaker 8 ([19:54](#)):

Um, I can just attest to, you know, under the old business some of the activities. Um, well the seafood festival of course. Um, I do agree that that was very well that major turnout I thought. And um, you know, some of the other events that I did attend as well, I, I was pleased with what I saw in the number of community people, things that followed.

Speaker 4 ([20:14](#)):

Thank you.

Speaker 7 ([20:17](#)):

Um, okay, I just wanted to say to Mr. Brown that I guess you had said something about filing code enforcement. You're aware you can do that yourself or any of the neighbors that live there, correct?

Speaker 4 ([20:28](#)):

Yeah, no, I'm aware of it, but where it's visible is from the park.

Speaker 7 ([20:33](#)):

Okay. I'm just letting you guys

Speaker 4 ([20:36](#)):

To do that if no one else will

Speaker 7 ([20:37](#)):

And then, well, I mean, I don't understand. I guess you're saying that there's all these people who are complaining, but I, you seem to be the one person who keeps coming and then the representative keeps saying like the lighting, they don't want motion lighting and they don't want these things and there's all these problems. I encourage them to talk to their commissioners. I'm just, I'm telling you that. Why do you look confused?

Speaker 9 ([21:00](#)):

Well, where's the communication? And this has always been one of my questions. Where's the communications to our representatives on this board?

Speaker 7 ([21:11](#)):

I don't understand your question. I'm,

Speaker 9 ([21:14](#)):

Why can't they tell the representative how they feel? Because I think she's getting a misconception cuz based on me who just walk around talking to people and people that I know that live in the neighborhood all want better life. And she's saying that they don't, I don't

Speaker 7 ([21:28](#)):

Think I said that. She, they couldn't talk to her. I'm now understanding you're saying you want them to talk to her. Well, I mean, I'm saying why don't they just directly talk to their commissioner. We're just a recommendation board and if they actually want, they could go to commission meetings and stand up and speak at the meetings would actually get action taken a lot quicker than this. This is not, I mean, we do our best and we are a recommendation board. So like seriously, if you have all these people that are complaining or wanting things, tell 'em to go to the commission meetings. That's where what I'd recommend to you. That's all I have to say. That's it. I'm

Speaker 4 ([22:02](#)):

Done. And Teresa does live in that area

Speaker 9 ([22:06](#)):

Directly across, directly by the park. I know where she lives. The people that are actually affected that would actually see the lights don't have a problem, would like to have them because of the activity going down there. And again, to address what you were saying and I stated at last meeting is I feel this board is a lot more important than you do. The city commission, as I stated, and it's in the minutes, is very busy with a lot of other things and okay,

Speaker 7 ([22:33](#)):

So that

Speaker 9 ([22:34](#)):

Just, let's

Speaker 7 ([22:35](#)):

Just stop right there. All I'm saying is you keep coming to this board with the exact same things. Like we're gonna do something different. And I'm telling you, if you would like action to take place quicker or in a way that you would like to speak to your commissioners. I don't, I don't need to be insulted. The board doesn't need to be insulted that we don't think we're important enough. We know what our job is. I'm, I'm done. Seriously end the conversation. No,

Speaker 9 ([23:01](#)):

There's nothing. Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker 3 ([23:02](#)):

Is there anything else for remember? No, thank you. Uh, my only comments was, uh, for this evening is we are planning a grant opening for, uh, Dickerson Center. Um, at least this board be, you know, invited, invited and at least know before it becomes public.

Speaker 4 ([23:18](#)):

Okay. And we'll also, um, have our meeting that we're gonna move our meeting back to that gym. Mm-hmm. <affirmative>. Okay. And one thing I do want to say, I just want you guys pray, pray for the parks department. We've had three deaths in the last month. Um, Sheila Priesthood dad died. Who runs the Ty Center? Angie, um, June, her dad died. Who runs the gymnastic at the Ity Center. Dad died. And then we had Vincent Terry Mom pass, which we attended the funeral last Saturday. And then at the Sea Festival, that's when Ken Stricken had to leave when his wife passed. So

Speaker 6 ([23:56](#)):

His wife passed. Yeah,

Speaker 4 ([23:58](#)):

The funeral today, 11th. The services in about an hour. Yeah. So it's been a lot going on and Parks floor. Yes ma'am.

Speaker 6 ([24:09](#)):

I'm sorry, can I say something? I ask in the, um, I went to look for the minutes, um, yesterday and there was, um, something going on, an open rib cutting ribbon Cutting. And uh, the activity center

Speaker 4 ([24:26](#)):

Or what? What's at

Speaker 6 ([24:27](#)):

Dickon? A ribbon cutting. No.

Speaker 4 ([24:30](#)):

No. Okay.

Speaker 6 ([24:31](#)):

Um,

Speaker 4 ([24:32](#)):

We haven't started playing yet. For the river cutting ceremony. Yes. Not yet. Okay. I know we're getting ready to have our, something

Speaker 6 ([24:39](#)):

Else at the, the tennis, tennis court. The dirty. Was it something old? And I picked it up and

Speaker 4 ([24:53](#)):

If you find it,

Speaker 6 ([24:55](#)):

Yeah, I'll look for

Speaker 4 ([24:57](#)):

I know, excuse me. Soft opening at Collins Park. Also, I'll let you guys know my black song that's coming up. Is that your part that,

Speaker 6 ([25:14](#)):

Yeah, that's not me.

Speaker 4 ([25:17](#)):

You pray, pray for our brick city, our department, our director, everyone involved. I would like to call this meeting adjourned at nine forty six Without any objections. The meeting stands adjourned. Thank you. Board meeting adjourned. 9:46 AM May 11th.