

Speaker 1 (00:00):

Good morning Parks and Rec advisory board meeting. August the 10th, 9:05 AM Madam here. Okay, we do the roll <laugh> zone one. Amanda Blue govern all of the list. Okay. Here, sorry. Zone two vacant. Zone three. Theresa Raki here. Zone four. Carol Ly here. Zone five. Malcolm Williams. Absent DaVita. Zone six. DaVita Bonner here at large. Luke McCoy. Peter, man, director of Parks and Rec. Keith Willis here. Sharonda Irv secretary. And Mr. Uh, Justin Valejo as a, uh, communication specialist here. <laugh>. Okay. Sorry. Um, can we do the pledge p to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic, which it stands. One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. So, um, I'm alright. Approve of the minutes. Anyone? Okay. I move, uh,

Speaker 2 (01:27):

To accept the minutes as presented today.

Speaker 1 (01:33):

I'm

Speaker 2 (01:34):

Not sure everybody's had a chance to read them.

Speaker 1 (01:36):

No, that's correct. I did Briefly.

Speaker 2 (01:42):

Do we hear a second?

Speaker 1 (01:44):

Second. Okay. Um, so I guess we move on to old business. Well,

Speaker 2 (01:55):

Any comments? Uh, any comments on the

Speaker 1 (01:58):

Minutes?

Speaker 2 (02:01):

Do we hear approval?

Speaker 1 (02:02):

Vote, vote yes. I think you said all in favor. Aye. Okay. Okay. So now we move on to <inaudible> now. Yes. <laugh>. So, uh, we had the, um, meeting me and Carol with, um, what's his name? Carol. Oh,

Speaker 2 (02:26):

I can't remember. But we met with the, the gentleman who's writing it and updating everything and we went over every item that, that we had discussed and there weren't any changes. So he's, uh, in the

process of actually writing it and, and updating everything based on what we had done in the first meeting.

Speaker 1 ([02:46](#)):

Okay. Did he, is he gonna group them in groups? You know, like we wanted him to instead of Yeah, a little bit. Yeah. Okay. Set

Speaker 2 ([02:53](#)):

Up. He, he would do it according to the process that he has

Speaker 1 ([02:56](#)):

To follow. Okay. So, um, yeah, he did everything that we had suggested. Okay. Good.

Speaker 3 ([03:02](#)):

Good. Meet, um, Carlos Park. They are gonna get some dog, um, poop cans out there. <laugh> spoke to, uh, public works. Um, we had the Dickerson Center grand opening re-grant opening, um, last Saturday. Um, I believe it was close to a thousand people out here.

Speaker 1 ([03:21](#)):

Wow.

Speaker 3 ([03:23](#)):

Thinking free haircut, braided hair, chick-fil-A gave out over a thousand sandwiches. Fort Rivers gave out free food. He had um,

Speaker 1 ([03:35](#)):

What's the,

Speaker 3 ([03:36](#)):

We eat the smoothie. Smoothie King or something like that because I have free, um, and they give out over I think 1500 backpacks.

Speaker 1 ([03:44](#)):

Wow.

Speaker 3 ([03:45](#)):

Um, stuff. So it was a great day. And we also had, uh, the Huges here for the new park. And we had Mr. Dickerson's grandson in attendance for the re grand opening.

Speaker 1 ([03:59](#)):

That's good. Yes. What was in the backpacks?

Speaker 3 ([04:05](#)):

The school supplies. But this year they didn't have individual. It was, it came in a pack with like highlighters, pens, pencils, erasers, and they just put the whole, um, there was board behind it, um, inside, but then they had all the vendors outside where they could get stuff from the vendors outside. And it was over, I think 35 vendors outside. Yep. Um, they're still working on the fits issue at Lennox. Um, the new idiot passer bus. This is the bus that we have purchased.

Speaker 1 ([04:40](#)):

We're still, we're still waiting to be

Speaker 3 ([04:43](#)):

Delivered, so Yes. And it's um, handicap for festival. We can share that. So,

Speaker 1 ([04:54](#)):

Um,

Speaker 3 ([04:57](#)):

On the, the side that you get go onto the bus, it has a handicap accessible, we can get the wheelchairs so we don't have to leave nobody behind.

Speaker 1 ([05:09](#)):

And

Speaker 3 ([05:09](#)):

I think it's

Speaker 1 ([05:11](#)):

Three

Speaker 3 ([05:11](#)):

Or four

Speaker 1 ([05:13](#)):

Wheelchair. Wow. And they lock in the back. They literally click in. Yeah. Yeah. This is nice. Very nice.

Speaker 3 ([05:23](#)):

Yes.

Speaker 1 ([05:24](#)):

That's awesome. Who will be able to use those buses? The, uh, centers? It'd be for the,

Speaker 3 ([05:29](#)):

For the youth and mostly for the C oass program.

Speaker 1 ([05:33](#)):

Oh good. Alright. We rewarded the bus. It's not here What? Not here yet. Yeah, that's all. I'll wait for it.

Speaker 3 (05:49):

We have identified two, three drivers that are going to take the c D L course that will be driving the bus, so,

Speaker 1 (05:56):

Okay. Do we know the names? You say you have two drivers.

Speaker 3 (05:59):

You have identified two to three. Yes. Did I put my name on that list?

Speaker 1 (06:05):

Yes you did. As a backup. I remember

Speaker 3 (06:08):

Two some already. C D L Trained in trained.

Speaker 1 (06:14):

Why not? Why not? Yeah. So when do you, when do you think you'll take delivery and we can start.

Speaker 3 (06:24):

I I think it'll probably be in January because the course is

Speaker 1 (06:29):

Very

Speaker 3 (06:30):

Extensive.

Speaker 1 (06:33):

Okay. Very. That's,

Speaker 3 (06:34):

That's why no school board can get drivers and I believe we have to change the color of the bus also.

Speaker 1 (06:44):

Oh, because it's not a school bus? I

Speaker 3 (06:45):

Think so. Yeah. But he's got that in plan to wrap it or whatever.

Speaker 1 (06:49):

Okay. Yeah.

Speaker 3 (06:52):

Um, I believe they have put the grill grills at uh, Collins Park. I'm not sure, but I think it's there. Um, we don't want the homeless to take over 'cause they're gonna come from, um, our Native Lords where they get the free food and start cooking the parks. Uh, I do know that we removed the grills from out here. I mean the, the pavilion because we had a lot of issues with the homeless sleeping out there. And the problem is condoms out there, we have needles out there. It's just so the staff supposed to walk the park for the kids go to play. Oh good. 'cause it's every night

Speaker 1 (07:31):

To clean it up. Yes. Oh. So there's no way we can keep 'em out of there, I guess. Mm-hmm. No. Nope. We have a problem all the time. Lag park. Yeah.

Speaker 3 (07:42):

Uh, you know, we locked the gate at the pool and they jump the gate they get in. So we have to keep a staff over there. And it's in the day daytime. Mm-hmm. <affirmative> before we open. They were, they were,

Speaker 1 (07:54):

They wash, they wash,

Speaker 3 (07:57):

<laugh>, uh, peninsula Club update. The colors haven't, uh, picked out. And I believe he started today painting the inside of uh, Pensa Club. Yes, ma'am.

Speaker 1 (08:09):

I wanna go back to, uh, the bus. Are you advertising, um, drivers for the bus?

Speaker 3 (08:15):

No. Right now they're city employees.

Speaker 1 (08:17):

Oh, city. Oh, they have to be city.

Speaker 3 (08:19):

They don't have to, but that's what we are right now. Yes. Because, uh, they were trying to come up with it. If like, say Luke was gonna do it, it gotta be another pay

Speaker 1 (08:31):

They have to offer in first before they go out. So if you work for the city, say you're, you're a trash person or whatever you do for the city, they have to offer in-house first and then they can go to the out to ask people for jobs.

Speaker 3 (08:45):

Yeah. Because that's another position That would be for if Luke would bring them on.

Speaker 1 (08:49):

Yeah. Yeah.

Speaker 3 (08:50):

And then there's an insurance issue. Yes. And I'm just going by the, the county. Yes. I had to start substitute teaching to be a county employee. Yep. Just to drive the bus for um, football teams and stuff.

Speaker 1 (09:07):

My husband worked, my husband works for the county and he had to start one place to go to another place. And it's like, so it's, you have to go in first. Oh, okay.

Speaker 3 (09:17):

And the table chairs have been ordered for Peninsula Club. So hopefully good. Okay. Hopefully by October they should be able to start coming back to the, uh, peninsula Club women and we can start back renting.

Speaker 1 (09:29):

Do you know when the parking lot's gonna be done?

Speaker 3 (09:31):

I'm not sure. I'll get an update on that for you guys.

Speaker 1 (09:33):

Okay. It's getting there. Yeah. I guess I walk it all the time and I'm like, oh my God. Yeah. Those ladies are very, very happy with you. So right now though, until they get everything done, it's closed. It's closed, okay.

Speaker 3 (09:45):

Yes. And we're gonna have a meeting with, uh, about breakfast party, um, about security. They do have an officer that frequently walks around, but I don't think he's doing enough. Um, they've taken over and I do know that they're in the process. They're trying to eliminate the, um, splash pack. Really it's costing the city too much money to keep going. 'cause they shower in the splash pad, the water gets sent into the, uh, system and it just, and it comes that off the ground and just not Why

Speaker 1 (10:18):

Do you want it? Um, what's happening now? Because there's no more shower. There is a shower when you go off the beach that one shower. But what what's happening with the homeless is, is because there's no more showers on the beach and they were showering on the beach. They now are showering in the splash park. They literally take their clothes off and shower. I get that. But it seems to me like, why are we taking away from the kids? Why aren't we building a shower up there or something instead? No,

Speaker 3 (10:45):

But it's not the showers. It is. They are all the dirt keep getting at dirt. It cost a lot of

Speaker 1 (10:51):

Money. They keep repairing. If you, if you go like every, probably every of the week it's shut down 'cause it's being re repaired and it's, uh, now can I ask you a question? Did you go to Breakers Park and see what I was talking about? Okay.

Speaker 3 (11:04):

Well they laying on the lawn told you. Yeah, it's, it's,

Speaker 1 (11:07):

It's bad. It's like 50 or 60 some days.

Speaker 3 (11:10):

They're close to the steps where you, you know, people need to hold the rail. They're, they're, I guess they're asleep on the rails by the rails and it's bad. Yeah.

Speaker 1 (11:19):

There and under the bridge. Mm-hmm. <affirmative>. That's what we're mean. They're back under the bridge really bad again. So the breaker's parked, they don't even care. They, they will first they, you scream, you know, it's like, and then you have people, families walking by going, uh, I I'm not coming back. So that is a big issue on that park. Thank you. Keith. What will they do if they close the water part of it? Just make it a place to,

Speaker 3 (11:41):

I'm not sure city managers discussing that. Um, the commissioners

Speaker 1 (11:45):

And all that.

Speaker 3 (11:48):

I mean, we don't want to shut down, but it's, you can't hardly use it because it's always shut down.

Speaker 1 (11:54):

I'm just wondering if we could, can we, can this group weigh in on what could be done with that? I if we like hoping maybe a playground. Well there, I mean the playground's there, maybe we could expand it and we could put somewhere for people to like, have tables. You know how they have down at um, what's the Elk Park? Oh my god. While they did, it's a county one. It's down the road. Um, orange. Yeah. Oh my gosh. It's a person's name. The guy's name. I'm sorry. No, the other direction. South Sun Splash. No

Speaker 2 (12:25):

Wind.

Speaker 1 (12:25):

Yes. Thank you. What is it? Oh, wind. Oh yeah. But yes. Yeah, that's something like they used to have picnic tables there before this morning, but I dunno, I'm still not asking can we get together with the city manager. Maybe it's

Speaker 3 (12:37):

This, they can't do anything because it was funded by grant also. So that's, it is

Speaker 1 (12:43):

A process. Process. So it

Speaker 3 (12:45):

No time soon. I've had to do, uh, three butcher transfer this year. 'cause we round the money with chlorine to get it repaired. Sweet. So you

Speaker 1 (12:57):

It's, I told you it's bad there. <laugh>,

Speaker 2 (13:00):

You know what, with the picnic tables, they're gonna sweep on the tables because, uh, at sit out a library where we would take our students for a field trip, we'd notify the police department that we would be there that day. And when we got there, they were on the tables and everything. And as soon as the police officer came up, everybody uh, left. And he stayed while the children were at the park.

Speaker 1 (13:25):

Which park was that? I'm

Speaker 2 (13:26):

Sorry. Sada Library. Okay.

Speaker 3 (13:28):

It's all on. 'cause we have, so if you reserve a facility or outside, we have the maintenance coming fresh wash and clean it. But the next morning they're there. So now when you get there, it defeats the purpose of doing what we did. Get clean. And it's wet if we do it that morning and you come out there. So

Speaker 1 (13:50):

Do they care about, remember how they used to put the things on like the bar across the seat? They don't care, right? Yeah. They

Speaker 3 (13:55):

Don't care about that. Sleep

Speaker 1 (13:57):

At Lenox Park, they get on top of the pavilion and sleep on top of the pavilion because they think nobody can literally, they think nobody can see them up there. And my house, you see directly up there and they're like, oh look, I'm, I'm like, like they're hidden, invisible. They will hide up there because they just want to sleep.

Speaker 3 (14:18):

It's a safety issue for them.

Speaker 1 (14:21):

It's a, it's a safety issue all altogether with them. Because, you know, people, Lennox Park is being u used more and more and more, like a lot of the basketball teams, a lot of you notice like a lot of basketball players are, it's being more kids are using Lennox Park. It's a good thing. So it's being used a lot. But at the same time you're a little nervous when you have a, or being, you know, so I see their point, you know.

Speaker 2 (14:49):

Can I,

Speaker 1 (14:50):

Can I just interject for a second? So I'd like to come back to you. We've talked about it. Maybe I'll bring the plans and maybe I'll try to, if everyone thinks it's okay, um, to bring the plans to the city manager. But I don't know if you were here when we talked about this last, but, um, many moons ago when my, my mom was commissioner, she actually, they had a whole plan for that park where there was gonna be locker rooms. They were gonna put a pool in, they were gonna have a track around the outside. So in my mind it's be more utilized. That would be awesome if it was. But if we had something, maybe I'm wrong and you can say you're crazy, but, um, you know, something up front that was more of a building and then we had it secured a little better.

Speaker 1 (15:32):

It might deter, you know, it's not such a like open field for them to come hang out. Are you talking like, are you talking like, like maybe they could store the lawnmowers there? Or are you talking about for somebody to work there to what? I don't understand what you're trying to say. Okay. So they wanted to make it a facility that I understand that part. Yeah. They, people in the neighborhood don't want that because they're, they're afraid what's gonna happen here is gonna happen there. And then because the park is so small, so say like you have, I understand up the front, I think the front would be a great 'cause some people, but if you put anything in the back of the, of the back of the park, you're not going to, 'cause that's all open space back there now. I understand that we would secure that.

Speaker 1 (16:15):

It would be more secured. There was a whole plan for it. I can bring it in. I have the like blueprint and everything and, and having the buildings up front was more, I mean, so I don't know how long you've lived there, but there used to be temporary buildings. No, I've only been there six years. No, there's nothing there. So there used to be two really quickly. There used to be two temporary buildings and they had bathrooms and they used to do an afterschool program there. I think the county did it right? Was the city. Okay. And it was awesome. I mean, it was like, you know, and it was our community place to meet for like neighborhood association meetings, whatever. And then they took 'em down the

previous city manager and course like most things that get taken down, nothing was put back up. And we had a pretty decent playground. And then they put like that, you know, what's there, the little bit that's there. We have one pavilion and then it became a dog park because it was just so, um, I'll, I'll be happy to bring them in maybe next meeting or something. Or I don't know if we could do a subcommittee or what do you guys think? I don't want to take up.

Speaker 2 (17:13):

Well I think it'd be a good idea to just for, for us, before we go to the city manager to see what the plan was and we can all maybe look at those plans and say what we think might work now and update the plan based on, because you live there. I I'm, I'm, I'm good with you bringing in the

Speaker 1 (17:32):

Plan. Me too. I'm too, I'd like to, I would like to, yeah. I would like to see about maybe putting up, maybe that's a good idea for like a little community center with the kids. 'cause there are a lot of kids that park is being used more and more and more. But the pool's not. I'm gonna tell you. I mean, and there's no restroom. Yeah, yeah. I know. And you like, it's ridiculous. Yeah. And, and the dog park is, is busy. That dog park is constantly busy. But a pool. But I'm gonna tell you a pool will up. Don't No. But it sounds like, but I like a building. I want it all. What I get told, by the way, I mean, 'cause you know, I'm pretty close and people want it. So it's good to know if it

Speaker 2 (18:06):

Was, if it was used before

Speaker 1 (18:08):

For I would love a building there, meetings

Speaker 2 (18:10):

And stuff.

Speaker 1 (18:11):

Yeah. I would love that idea.

Speaker 2 (18:12):

Revisit that

Speaker 3 (18:13):

A little bit. We actually used it for afterschool summer camp after. And we also,

Speaker 1 (18:18):

I think that's a great idea.

Speaker 3 (18:19):

Yeah. A preschool building after school. How far are you going back?

Speaker 2 (18:27):

You're

Speaker 3 (18:27):

Going back pretty far. So I can go back by 40 years. <laugh>. It was, it was, there was a playground and um, the city ran it. And the two playgrounds on the beach side was Lennox and Artone. And I was a product of Welch playground, which was sold to Daytona State. And each hub had a sports program. I can disagree. We had flag football, we had a basketball team and we would go around and play, um, the Dickinson Center. Sunnyland, um,

Speaker 1 (19:15):

Like

Speaker 2 (19:15):

An inner city.

Speaker 3 (19:16):

It wasn't no Derbyshire. Eshi was, um, the Welch. Yep. And Lennox and Artone

Speaker 1 (19:26):

Didn't, there used to be a school there also? At one point I could have sworn there was. Yeah, yeah,

Speaker 3 (19:31):

There was elementary school. Yeah,

Speaker 1 (19:32):

That's what I thought. So I mean, it's a pretty decent piece of property that could be, which we, we had it all, there was blueprints. I have 'em. So,

Speaker 3 (19:41):

But the demographics have changed dramatically.

Speaker 1 (19:45):

But there's more families then. There used to be much more single. I mean, not when you're talking about mm-hmm. <affirmative>, but when the blueprints were drawn up, there were more single families there than there are now. There's more families. So I mean, single people, you know what I'm trying to say, just interpret what I'm trying

Speaker 3 (19:58):

To say. <laugh>.

Speaker 1 (20:00):

But yeah, I

Speaker 2 (20:01):

Don't think it would hurt to at least visit, look at it what was done before. Because we know what it is now and we need to try to fix it.

Speaker 1 (20:08):

But plus if there's more, like you're saying there's more activity. There's a substantial, like a building there, things like that. I don't know. I'm not, I'm not a homeless person, thank God. But I think that would be somewhat of a deterrent too, that they're like, Hey, they're taking interest in this park. There's more activity here. This might not be our little shady place to hang out. They gotta get rid of the benches at the back is what my biggest thing is, is if we could get rid rid of those two benches in the back, Keith,

Speaker 3 (20:34):

Where cameras is coming up and they're gonna be reports in that area so we can, police can see when they're out there.

Speaker 1 (20:41):

Okay. Okay. Well, we'll talk about new business when we Go ahead. Go

Speaker 2 (20:46):

Ahead. What, uh, Mr. Williams, what is the role for the police department? Um, as far as going by the parks to see if the, uh, homeless are there? No, I feel for the homeless, because they're homeless and they need to rest to sleep. But if, um, children and the adults will be using these parts, um, each day, what is the role of the police department as far as,

Speaker 3 (21:12):

They have to be very careful because of the wording of the signage that they have up. Because the park is a public park. Okay. And as long as they're from sun up to sundown whatever time we have, you can't put 'em out park. I mean, you have to be very careful how you, because they, we had a rental at, uh, Bethune Point. Mm-hmm. <affirmative>. And we, they were, they were able to move 'em out the plate, uh, the pavilion area, but they couldn't put 'em out of the park because it's public. And the police, we called the police. They just had had 'em move, but you couldn't put 'em out the park.

Speaker 1 (21:51):

So, and another issue too, sorry, I'm jumping in on this. If you're, well,

Speaker 2 (21:56):

I'm sorry, but can you come up and give your name and everything for the record so that, that we can

Speaker 3 (22:02):

The name and address?

Speaker 2 (22:03):

Yeah. Do the, do the minutes properly. <laugh> Okay.

Speaker 3 (22:06):

It so royalty.

Speaker 2 (22:08):

I mean, we know who you're, but, but we, to get you officially on the record, Yvette Presley and my address, 1121 Barbara Drive Day to. Okay. And that was my point. We were talking about the homeless and the parks and uh, we have a police department. I don't know if they're short of policemen. Yes. Um, but, um, you know, what can you do if the children only use the parks? It's beautiful out here. And when the children come, um, today after school, you know, the homeless are gone, but they leave.

Speaker 3 (22:44):

Yep.

Speaker 2 (22:45):

It's soiled. Um, for the children's. So I just wonder what the police department, if you put up hours for the park to be open, can, can you do that? Post it.

Speaker 3 (22:57):

They're posted. It's posted sun up. The sun down.

Speaker 1 (23:01):

It changes during summertime. It's as soon as the sun comes up and as soon as the sun comes up. But during the winter hours, it closes at five o'clock

Speaker 3 (23:11):

Because it gets dark then because

Speaker 1 (23:12):

It's dark at five. So maybe, so maybe you know that I used to be on the, um, community, don't, don't anybody say it, but community policing board. And so I, we talked about this at great length and to, not that you're asking for this, but to arrest them to like say, Hey, you're, you're doing something right. It costs us way more money to process 'em and do all that. So what they do and what they did do, like way back was just literally ship. They would get like a bus and ship 'em out and take 'em far out and then they would gradually make their way back. So, I mean, I'm just telling you that's why they don't really have much they can do except ask them to leave and then they come back.

Speaker 2 (23:51):

I I don't really want them arrested. Right.

Speaker 1 (23:55):

Because

Speaker 2 (23:56):

They have nowhere where else to go. Right. Um, one question is the Salvation Army, or they have,

Speaker 1 ([24:03](#)):

They like eight beds and there there is, there are places for them to go, but they have to wanna go there. Mm-hmm. <affirmative>. But the Salvation Army is not really one of them. Oh, it's, I mean, it's got eight beds. It's at last I knew. So, I mean, it's not gonna solve lot, that's all. Yeah, that's what I say too. We always advertising like they have more, they well they don't, but there is the Homeless Coalition. Yeah. And you can go through that. People can, if they have to want to, and you know, they, when they go to those places, they're required to do things like help in their community. Like help Garden, help, you know, whatever. Be, be productive. And some of those people don't drink no alcohol, no nothing for a job. And then some of it becomes an identity issue too. Because if you don't, you know, if you're out there and you don't have a driver's license or you don't have a home address, it can make a difference. You know? That's what, but they'll help them do that. It also has to do with mental health. Like if they're, a lot of times in that situation, because, you know, either maybe Major Depression or whatever other issues, they can't always see the, you know, pathway that they need to, I don't know. Yeah. But because that identity piece with I Dignity, that's one of the things that they focus on, is trying to get people those resources that they need so that maybe they can apply them too. Like I can't. Yeah.

Speaker 2 ([25:23](#)):

Well, can you post a sign of places where they can go, if they're interested in going, you know, assign a a, but the different places that they can go, a phone number, they

Speaker 1 ([25:34](#)):

Can know where they can go. They know exactly where they can eat, where they can shower, where they can eat, where they can sleep. They know they, they do this all day long. S said they come out here in the morning and then by the, by the time they get kicked out of here, they're over on, uh, my side of the, so they know, and then they go and they go and eat lunch, and then they get right. This, they know exactly how they know the system. How many people are we usually talking about? In my, in Lennox Park or Breaker Park? Well, anywhere. Yeah. Breaker Park. I know it's being Breakers Park is being overtaken by 'em. Okay. I'm telling you, it's like last time I, I was there was probably by 50 people there. Really? Okay. But Lennox Park, it could be anywhere from one person to 10 people.

Speaker 1 ([26:20](#)):

But the, it's the back of the, what's happening in Lennox Park, there's two benches like this and they're facing a one A. Okay. And so, and, but there's a, a little hotel right here, but this is an empty lot. So when you're driving by, you can't see back here. So what they're doing is they're sleeping back behind the benches. Mm-hmm. <affirmative>. And then they get caught, they jump the fence and then they sleep in the empty lot. And you'll go out there and see beds, tents. So generally speaking, we have about a hundred or so homeless people who just find their way around probably more, more I be more, and then it depends on like, after bike week, we get a whole new tribe and then the old tribe weeks, and then we get a whole drive. So, okay. Um, where at the Citizens' Comments, right? Yes. One point is where that park is, where that area is, which we, they just approved for, um, ROS or something. Yes. Next door to that. To the, uh, breakers. To the, yes. That area gonna have to fall into play. Francis oh 2 3 51 North Seneca Street. And I'm in a hurry because I'm going to the Council on Aging next door. So that was a point that I wanted to make. Okay. Thank you. Okay. Thank you. All right. If you want to get up, sir, I'm looking at you. Okay.

Speaker 4 ([27:58](#)):

Just got me here. 45 15 Early Ridge Daytona Beach. Uh, I'm gonna be brief. Obviously I have a minimal amount of time and a lot of stuff to cover. Uh, first of all, um, yeah, it was a little confusing. I I'm sorry I missed Luke's devotion. I didn't hear it.

Speaker 1 ([28:14](#)):

I didn't ask for it. Go ahead. Continue. Alright, thank

Speaker 4 ([28:16](#)):

You. Um,

Speaker 4 ([28:18](#)):

Also, do we have any structure for a co-chair? I, I know this is a relatively informal group and I'm, I'm not pressing, but I'm saying do we have anything, any, anything in the work? She's the co-chair. She's a co-chair. Okay. I, I was not aware of that. Thank you. And thank you, uh, Ms. Glover for, uh, for stepping in. It's appreciate. Um, okay. In, uh, uh, in regards to the homeless issues. Homeless issues is a severe problem here in Daytona Beach. It has been for many decades. This is a wintertime haven. Many of them come here for. It is very seasonal. And as you pointed out, bike week brings them in the cold weather, brings them in the beach, atmosphere, brings them in. And any of you that work with the homeless, no homeless, the overwhelming majority of them that don't seek the shovels. And Mr.

Speaker 4 ([29:09](#)):

Wills has stated correctly, they do know where to go when they need to go. The police do help. Um, but the majority of 'em do not want to. They want to be free. They feel trapped, they feel encapsulated If they go into any structure, they don't want to do that, nor do they want to be arrested either. They just wanna be left alone and live off the land. Unfortunately, we are suffering the citizens. The 80,000 plus citizens of Daytona Beach are being sacrificed for a handful of non-citizens, non tax, tax paying citizens, most of whom are transients. Uh, we cannot solve the homeless problem here at Parks and Recreation. Parks and Recreation is a victim of the homeless situation. Personally, I've brought this up before too, is I think the city, we are unduly burdened by the problem because of our locale and our recreation status and our tourist status that we are unduly burdened.

Speaker 4 ([30:04](#)):

I think we need to seek help. CIA County doesn't seem to have the resources, so I think we need to go state and federal to get assistance to solve the problem. That said, that really doesn't belong in parts and recreation. Mr. Willis, I addressed four items in the previous meetings. I only heard about a two second comment on Lennox. Um, most of your statements in here in the work didn't know, et cetera. You are the director. Um, I would appreciate you giving an update on the four items that I brought up in the last one. Um, they do affect the taxpayers and the part, um, also shade is severely needed in all the parks. It's a beautiful park here, although, albeit over budget and, and eight months late here at the Dickinson Center, there's absolutely no shade for the kids out there at this time of year. Obviously that is absolutely devastating. But it is also subjecting our children to skin cancers. That's true. Break breakers. It's true in almost all of our parks, uh, Davy Stockton does have a little bit of shade, but of course that's under construction and also a haven for homeless. Um,

Speaker 1 ([31:06](#)):

It's time.

Speaker 4 (31:06):

Uh, can I request that we have a temporary

Speaker 1 (31:09):

Around your time is up. Okay. Sorry.

Speaker 4 (31:11):

Until we get a zone two, I'd like to see that we get a, uh, at large until we get that position filled. I

Speaker 1 (31:17):

Have over right. Thank you. You are at large. Oh gosh. Isn't he at Yeah, he's at large. He's at large. No, no.

Speaker 4 (31:28):

Ask for an additional at large until zone As a temporary until zone two can be filled because zone two's been empty for a long time. I've talked to the commissioner about it and he's having trouble finding people.

Speaker 1 (31:40):

All

Speaker 4 (31:41):

I'm asking for is a temporary fill in so that you guys have the help that you need, you know, for that zone.

Speaker 1 (31:49):

Well, I'm not in agreement with that. I'm just saying. Fine. Thank you for the record. Is there anything you wanted address what he's talking about? No, I dunno what this is the map we asked for with the new zones. Yes. When we were talking about, okay, cool. I think it has been approved. Yes, yes, yes. The last I heard it was approved, so, oh, thank you very much. I have every, and see where it's highlighted of the area, the new areas can't, I'm sorry. Who is the zone two commissioner? Uh, that's Ken. Say again? Ken. Mr. Strickland. Okay. Who was our last person? Female. Think her name.

Speaker 3 (32:49):

No trigger came in prepared. Harris can trigger.

Speaker 1 (32:53):

Are you talking last person was the zone two? Yeah, I think that was DO'S wife

Speaker 3 (32:59):

On this board.

Speaker 1 (33:00):

Yes.

Speaker 3 (33:01):

Yeah. Do um,

Speaker 1 (33:05):

Did there was someone after, um, Ridge, right? Yes. His wife. She was the last person on, on too. Zone two is always a problem.

Speaker 2 (33:25):

So all these zones, they basically changed to the kind of by population I think in the voting from the last, uh, uh, sentence, I think is the way they did it.

Speaker 1 (33:40):

Oh my word. Did you see zone four?

Speaker 2 (33:46):

Yeah, that's where

Speaker 1 (33:47):

I know. I mean

Speaker 2 (33:49):

Well population wise it's still, it's

Speaker 1 (33:51):

Gotten Oh wow. Not

Speaker 2 (33:53):

As large. Yeah, it's

Speaker 1 (33:55):

Larger. That's been proven.

Speaker 2 (33:56):

Well the zone is larger but the

Speaker 1 (33:57):

No, the population.

Speaker 2 (33:59):

The population is,

Speaker 1 (33:59):

That's been stated the city commission meeting that was brought up, this is based on the 2020 census.
All the information is I know

Speaker 2 (34:06):

That. Yes, that's what I'm saying

Speaker 1 (34:08):

By all

Speaker 2 (34:12):

Zone four, basically Indigo went into the other zone,

Speaker 1 (34:21):

Aren't you on that board, Ms. Carol?

Speaker 2 (34:23):

What's that?

Speaker 1 (34:24):

The, uh, board for, uh, the planning property? Indigo?

Speaker 2 (34:28):

Uh, no, no. I'm on the economic development board and I work with Stacy who is our zone four commissioner.

Speaker 1 (34:36):

Oh my god. Could you make this any smaller <laugh>? Yes. I can read,

Speaker 2 (34:44):

I can make it smaller. Oh,

Speaker 1 (34:45):

I can't read anything. I need thoughts.

Speaker 2 (34:51):

No, thank you very much for this. I

Speaker 1 (34:52):

Appreciate. Yes. Because I know we talked about this, so. Absolutely.

Speaker 2 (34:59):

And the city parks,

Speaker 1 (35:02):

Carol, I'm sorry, but we're gonna move on to new business if that's okay. 'cause we got the time.

Speaker 3 (35:07):

Okay. Real quick. Um, we're gonna get another sign here at Dixon Center for Huger Park. It be on the corner of M L K and Orange Avenue. Um,

Speaker 1 (35:18):

Electronic or no?

Speaker 3 (35:19):

No, just a sign. And we're gonna, it's gonna be say this horizontal that way. Not instead the vertical

Speaker 1 (35:25):

Up there.

Speaker 2 (35:26):

Ab you're on the

Speaker 1 (35:27):

Yes.

Speaker 3 (35:27):

Okay. That's where they removed it, but they placed it somewhere else and the family was kind of upset.

Speaker 1 (35:33):

Oh, that,

Speaker 3 (35:35):

Um, you couldn't really see it. Okay. Once you park vehicles in the parking lot, you couldn't see the sign.

Speaker 3 (35:42):

Um, they stock park, they have surrounded the perimeter, uh, with Gates to lock it up and they get ready to start construction of basic stock park. And I'll keep you guys updated on, uh, the changes and I'll bring you the plans so we can see what's gonna be there. Um, we, they're gonna take all the seats out and, 'cause now when we have concerts, everybody bring their chairs anyway. They don't, they don't actually sit in the, the, I forgot what they, they rusted out and they were cutting people on the benches. So they're gonna take all that out and then put a shade structure over there. Amen. Um, also, I know that a shade structure is coming at the dog park at Lennox Park. Amen. Um, over there North Street Park, the restroom project is still in redesigned. We've had the money. Um, but for some reason, our design person, he does not know how to give us a normal design. It is three, it is a five star. And we don't need a five star restroom. We just need a restroom for women and men. And we've been working on this for two years. We've had the money and the problem is when he brings it back, we don't have

enough money. Then it starts all over again. And then now the stuff inflates. So now we're back to square one. Trying to get more funding. Could

Speaker 2 (37:05):

You get a new Amen.

Speaker 3 (37:08):

So that's, that's the issue we have. Um, this restroom should have been built, um, three years ago. Yes. Yes. Um, DHA phase two. Um, I showed you guys I think two years ago, they're still trying to locate funding for Dhare. Mm-hmm. <affirmative>, it will be beautiful once you get the funding. Um, the stadium, the new seats, um, they arrive, I believe tomorrow. Um, they have taken out all the bleacher seats and, and reinstalled them. And it has been sealed completely. They still have a couple of spots they have to, um, sealed, which more money at the stadium and Sunland Playground Equipment Projects Commission approved. Um, I'll give you this installment date of the new playground equipment at Sunland. I think this is the second year that they have not had playground equipment at Sunland. It was rusted out hazard. So they take, took all of it out and we found money to put playground equipment there. Yes.

Speaker 2 (38:08):

Mr. Williams. Um, the stadium. Can they, when it rains, it rains When we go downstairs, if it's rain, it, it's dripping through.

Speaker 3 (38:21):

That's what it's that's what they, that's what they've done.

Speaker 2 (38:23):

Oh, okay. Alright. Also, can we put more, uh, benches, um, when you come downstairs 'cause it's only one bench on this side and one bench on the other side. They don't

Speaker 3 (38:34):

Have, they don't have glue because of the bands and all that of the high schools coming up and all. It's, it,

Speaker 1 (38:40):

There's no place for no other benches.

Speaker 3 (38:43):

That's why you're supposed to stay in your seat when you go

Speaker 5 (38:45):

<laugh>.

Speaker 1 (38:48):

It's raining and everybody's coming down and if you going get down there first, you gonna get a seat. You have to stand up to go home or something. It's no space. Can I find a space out there with, uh, benches and market? So you can put benches, <laugh>. You need a sign for her? She needs her

Speaker 3 ([39:12](#)):

Big. See

Speaker 1 ([39:12](#)):

The rest of you all upstairs and you are Okay. What about us downstairs?

Speaker 3 ([39:17](#)):

I'm downstairs with you.

Speaker 1 ([39:20](#)):

Oh you are? Oh, okay. I

Speaker 3 ([39:21](#)):

Don't sit up there.

Speaker 1 ([39:22](#)):

You don't you get one of those seats before I get down there?

Speaker 3 ([39:24](#)):

No, I have season six.

Speaker 1 ([39:26](#)):

Oh, that's where you, there you go. Okay.

Speaker 3 ([39:32](#)):

It rains, but I sit too.

Speaker 1 ([39:35](#)):

It rains.

Speaker 3 ([39:39](#)):

She was putting you in the press box and he was telling you he had the same seat you had My son. Son.

Speaker 1 ([39:51](#)):

Alright. But can we find ways for more benches?

Speaker 3 ([39:55](#)):

They're not gonna put 'em out there because the van can't get around them because that's the doing Cookman home. It is the city stage, but it's their home stadium and they have to have room for those bands to come. You know, they march in halftime and, um, after the pre-game.

Speaker 1 ([40:12](#)):

All right, we're moving on to the next, sorry. Oh, you're done. We're done. Okay, so comments. Are we allowed to start that? Sure. Yeah. Do I go first? Well ask if there are any, are there any other comments from the four that we know? Okay, go ahead. Your turn point of order. Sure. Are we entitled More than one chance to count? I thought it was just one time. Just one. Okay. 'cause some people are getting multiple times and I'm just curious. You can ask a question and law if you have a question. Go ahead. Okay. I had asked a question like, what's the status of the four items from the previous report and I got no answer. And we don't know what you're talking about.

Speaker 3 ([40:50](#)):

It's

Speaker 1 ([40:51](#)):

In the minutes you just approved.

Speaker 3 ([40:52](#)):

That's why I said I didn't read. Okay.

Speaker 1 ([40:54](#)):

Can I read from the minutes for you quickly? Right. Because you just approved them, which tells me you should have read them. I'm not trying to be hard about this, but he didn't, we haven't made progress in, in quite some time. Okay. Point number one, the comprehensive plan. Nothing was stated on that. Yes, we did. I was listening. No, it was clearly stated. That was the very first thing we talked about. I understand. But okay. Move on to item. Okay, what about it? Page three? Bottom i, I to

Speaker 4 ([41:34](#)):

Weeks county.

Speaker 1 ([41:35](#)):

That's county

Speaker 4 ([41:38](#)):

That you said Mr. Willis. Okay. You said it's not all county. And I stated that in the meeting. I know where the county's boundaries are. I also know where the city's boundaries are. We

Speaker 5 ([41:49](#)):

<inaudible>

Speaker 4 ([41:49](#)):

Parks on Beachside. There is, we have three miles of Daytona with no park. You have done nothing for Bridgeport at all. And there's no plan. And, and it needs landscaping fences badly because there is a non-compliant neighbor on the north side has an untethered attack dog who has attacked other people's pets and done bodily to harm. Okay. Item three, the fence you did talk about again. I asked for a plan and, and you said I don't have a timeline. It's on back order. Fence is readily available anytime you put a brand new fence right here at the, at the, uh, Mr. Brown. Which fence? From my Lennox Park. The side.

Speaker 1 ([42:30](#)):

Okay, stop for a second. I

Speaker 4 ([42:31](#)):

I have walked it with David Waller. Yes. You said that

Speaker 3 ([42:34](#)):

He's gonna take

Speaker 4 ([42:34](#)):

Care of it. Well you said

Speaker 3 ([42:39](#)):

A or the fence coming that we used, they are backlogged since the hurricane.

Speaker 4 ([42:45](#)):

I said

Speaker 3 ([42:45](#)):

That three months ago.

Speaker 4 ([42:46](#)):

We got a fence here.

Speaker 1 ([42:48](#)):

So you understand how the city works, right? Oh,

Speaker 4 ([42:50](#)):

Very well.

Speaker 1 ([42:51](#)):

Okay. So you understand that just like any government thing, they have places that they have to order from, not just going to Home Depot. I

Speaker 4 ([42:59](#)):

Understand that.

Speaker 1 (43:00):

I'm, hold on please. Let me finish so that when they, okay. I mean I would just like some respect we're letting you talk. I would like to be able to also, without you talking over us, that's all I was asking for.

Speaker 4 (43:13):

I haven't said a

Speaker 1 (43:13):

Word. You did my, what I'm saying to you is that they have certain places that they have to order from, whether you like it or not, whether he likes it or not. Whether I like it or not, it's how it is. So they're waiting on it. He told you they're going to do it. They're going to do it. Please move on to your next item.

Speaker 4 (43:29):

I'm trying to, but you're belaboring that previous point. Number four, the damage done by the contractor, Lennox Park, considerable amount. The answer was, I'm not sure.

Speaker 3 (43:42):

I'm not sure what damage you're talking about.

Speaker 4 (43:45):

I have taken <inaudible> pictures of it. I've discussed this over the past two years.

Speaker 5 (43:52):

City

Speaker 4 (43:52):

Of Daytona has done considerable, uh, property there at Lennox Park. Are you talking about

Speaker 1 (43:58):

The trees?

Speaker 4 (43:58):

They've killed the trees. They've damaged the seats. The, the waste baskets. The concrete's been shipped. The things have been moved because they bang into it with their, um, mowers. They've also broken up the electrical systems, which after about eight months finally got repaired at Citizen's Expense. My question was why is not the vendor being charged back charged for the damage They did. They hit the electrical box and then we had bare wires hanging out for many, many months. I brought that up numerous times. And it's a dangerous situation for the children. It's right up there by the parking lot.

Speaker 1 (44:33):

Can I ask you a question? Sure. Do you talk to your commissioner about this? Absolutely. What does your commissioner say to you?

Speaker 4 (44:40):

It's up to the parks. I've talked.

Speaker 1 (44:43):

Well, neither May tells you. It's up to the parks and racks. She's

Speaker 4 (44:45):

Not my commissioner.

Speaker 1 (44:46):

Oh, Ken's your is Ken. No. Or no, you're in my here.

Speaker 4 (44:49):

Otherwise I'd certainly volunteer to be on the board. I think this is a very important board.

Speaker 1 (44:54):

We got that. We've been told that by you several times. I'm asking you a question. What does your commissioner respond to you? What does she say? That I

Speaker 4 (45:01):

Have to work through the city.

Speaker 1 (45:03):

Okay.

Speaker 4 (45:03):

Mr. Willis is the Director of Parks and Recreation. We

Speaker 3 (45:06):

Do not, the park department has a bank. The parks department. You don't cut grass.

Speaker 4 (45:12):

I hear you. It's contracted. And

Speaker 3 (45:14):

I take it to Mr. Waller who's over that department, <inaudible>.

Speaker 1 (45:18):

So maybe you need to speak for them. But who is

Speaker 4 (45:20):

Responsible for, uh, back charging the damage to the parks equipment. They

Speaker 3 (45:25):

Will handle that.

Speaker 4 (45:26):

Okay. So I'll talk to Mr. Waller. Thank you. But that wasn't stated in minutes. Thank you.

Speaker 1 (45:30):

That's good. Good to know. All right. Moving on. Does anyone else have anything? Could I just go person to person? Do you have anything? Um, I, okay. Um, the trees in Lennox Park, they, can you have somebody come and who, who do I talk to about getting them trim

Speaker 3 (45:53):

To I You just let me know and I'll let talk.

Speaker 1 (45:55):

Okay. Yeah, they are. 'cause I, I'm very tall and I have to duck on couple though, so if we can just get 'em trimmed up a little bit. That's all I have to say that I'm moving on. Okay. Davina, I don't have any at this time. You'll have to excuse me. Oh, you're not. I forgot. You need, I need to, I'll just ask, can I say how amazing that electronic sign is, is what I want to say? And also, are we getting any more electronic sign? Where does it lead? Do you know?

Speaker 4 (46:24):

I mean, from, from what we've been told, we're gonna be getting center. I I'm

Speaker 1 (46:30):

Not Okay. I'm not gonna get my hopes out.

Speaker 4 (46:35):

Yeah, I don't want that. That's what we were told. But, um, and you know, we're making graphics for, we, we have the software now in <inaudible> and I've been, we've been getting trained on it and I've been learning how to create new graphics. We have a couple graphics somewhere right now, but we're gonna be hoping to put all of our programs at their, at the specific community centers on the electronic signs.

Speaker 1 (46:58):

That's awesome. Yeah.

Speaker 4 (47:00):

And we'll be able to use those electronic signs during emergency

Speaker 1 (47:03):

Situation. Exactly.

Speaker 4 (47:04):

You know, if there's a hurricane or clutter, severe weather, whatever the situation.

Speaker 1 (47:08):

I wanna give this lady some, some kudos because we've been talking about electronic signs for, what, six years? Yeah, six years at least. So, yay. We've got some

Speaker 3 (47:29):

As the at large member, um, of the city that I was born in, raised in the here, 59 years, um, didn't come from nowhere. <laugh>, um, the homeless problem. I started on Daytona Beach Police Department at age 19. Wow. And I like to tell this one story. Um, it was, uh, Denny's or IHOP out there where the strip, the stripper club is now on I S B. Mm-hmm. <affirmative> on the other side of 95. And they got robbed. And this was like in 84 or 85. And that was my zone. And I responded and saw a homeless guy and they were changing shifts. When I say changing shifts, the woods over there, they hold a sign, say we'll work for food, but they work together. Yep. And he was going back into the woods where another one was coming out the woods. They, they was actually changing shifts. And I thought as a 19 year kid

Speaker 5 (48:45):

<inaudible> money,

Speaker 3 (48:48):

I stopped him. He had \$1,900 in his pocket. This was in 84 or 85. And Oh, I'm going to be on the news on the super cop. This is money that he had collected and

Speaker 5 (49:20):

Oh my God. Yep.

Speaker 3 (49:42):

It's not like they

Speaker 5 (49:46):

Don't wanna trying

Speaker 3 (49:48):

To do anything, but That's right. And they have more rights, even more rights today than they have. That's true. They make good money. Guys, I think that's a wrap. Thanks. Great job, Amanda AUR 9:55 AM Adjourned.