

# DRAFT

## LEISURE SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

May 11, 2023

9:23 AM

### CALL TO ORDER

Malcolm Williams called the meeting to order at 9:23AM.

### DEVOTION

Luke McCoy

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All

### ROLL CALL

#### MEMBERS PRESENT/ABSENT

Zone 1 – Amanda Glugover - Present

Zone 2 – **Vacant**

Zone 3 – Theresa Quattrociocchi - Absent

Zone 4 – Carol Kilian - Absent

Zone 5 – Malcolm Williams - Present

Zone 6 – Devita Bonner – Present

At Large – Luke McCoy - Present

### OTHERS PRESENT

Keith Willis – Director of Parks & Rec.

Sharonda Irvin – Secretary

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

May 11, 2023

### BOARD /CITIZEN COMMENTS:

**Rick Brown** - We need a Eagle Finial for the top of the Flagpole. I give thanks to the people on this board even in their absence for their service to this board. As far as Lenox Park goes, I talked directly to the residents that live around the park and I know that our representative for our zone said they didn't want lighting, but I have found out that they do actually want it. They want the activities in the park to stop. There has been quite a bit of discussion about putting a fence up on the east side of the park because there has never been an actual fence on the City's side ever. The fence that was done commercially was too short and is in terrible condition currently. The Hotel that is there on the Northeast side of the street has a lot of trash and debris and an obvious path for transients and homeless people to carry out their agendas which are not in the best interest of the community coming from that side. I suggest that we get

code enforcement on that. Also, I would like to get an update on the “Bush Landscaping Contractors” to be held accountable for the damage to the infrastructure at Lenox Park.

**Keith Willis** – My self and David Waller walked the entire park, and we made notes of things to be done over there this week and the fence being one of the main concerns. We didn’t talk about the infrastructure, so I'm not sure what’s happening with that. We are having 2 cameras put up over there to combat some of that traffic near the benches.

**Rick Brown** – Ok great, so I would like to get a survey done house by house of the people that say that they want lighting even though the representative says they don’t want it. I know that it will take some time to do. I’d like to see some updates of my earlier concerns especially on the website so I wouldn’t have to ask here at the meeting. I’m looking forward to the completion of the Dickerson Center opening soon. Is it still on target for June 1<sup>st</sup>?

**Francis Chew** – Thanks to the Parks & Rec. Dept. for taking the Cherry Center Senior Oasis Group to St. Augustine. It was great and we took up a collection got the driver because they were very good to us.

### **COMMISSION MEETINGS:**

Keith Willis – If we don’t have anything on the agenda then we as Directors don’t have to attend.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Keith Willis** – I'll let Luke talk about the Baseball game that they had.

**Luke McCoy** - We had our first game on Tuesday, and we lost 6 – 5. We were playing a traveling team where all of their players pay in excess of \$200 dollars a month to play on those team. Those teams practice 5 days a week. I sent out text messages to about 50 - 60 people to come out and support our team and attendance was great. We had so many people that we took up the visitor’s side. Naturally the team was more advanced that our team, but we were more athletic which makes a difference. They thought that it was gonna be an easy win, but we held our own. They thought they were gonna beat us 30 to 0 but none of us coaches including the players left there that night feeling like we lost. So, we are very excited. I don’t know who I need to talk to because the time has come to end the season, but we want to run it year-round. It took the entire season to go from 4 kids to 30 kids now. I have more kids that are interested in playing. So, whatever the cost that the City is incurring to allow them to go year-round to build the program can we alleviate it? All we need it the use of the equipment and the fields and we will do the rest.

**Keith Willis** -

- We can make it happen, we just need to schedule the practice and games to that field through Demetria. Yes, we will make that happen on that same field.
- Seafood Festival was very well attended, very diverse even though it rained us out, we had to close it a little earlier than scheduled but non the less it was a great turn out. We contemplated should we move it to another date due to the ran but since we had so many things already ordered we went ahead with the original date because people were coming from all over to

attend this well-known event. So, I think it will get bigger and bigger every year from here on out.

- Summer Hires, we are at 7 right now which is good, but we are having issues because of the payrate. We are the lowest paid summer workers in the county at \$13.00. We bring our full-time employees on at \$15 per hour so now it's an issue to get people to work for us at that rate. So now the challenge is that there will be a ripple effect throughout the City to bring up the Casuals Summer workers up to the same pay grade as the Full-time people. We were the first City to go to the \$15.00 per hour for the full-time position. We have been talking to Human Resources to see what we can do about this. That is the reason why the hiring rate is so low now. We did turn down Palm Terrace and Turie T. Small as two of our sites due to low hiring rate. Maybe next year if the pay rate goes up, we can look into having those sites. We are getting up to capacity. We are at 70 something at YSG, 60 something here at the Cherry, 8 slots filled at Sunnyland and about six slots left on the beachside at Schnebly.
- Volusia County started last Monday with the scholarships which pays the entire camp fee this year.
- The Comp Plan, Me, Carol and Theresa met and started looking over that plan and determined that it was so outdated from back in 2003. So, I have been up-stairs to start getting that changed to updated.
- Mainland Parade was well attended. Mainland had an outstanding year in sports this year. The Flag Football Girls are going to the State, and I think the Soccer Team. They are looking for a place to practice today. It was the Track team that is going to State as well.
- Dickerson Completion date. The playground equipment is in, the Basketball Courts are laid. They have to set for at least one month. The South side parking lot has been paved up unto the pool. Today and tomorrow should complete the rest of the paving going north. But there is gonna be a delay because of the courts needing to be set for one month which will make it June. But it's looking good over here. They have completed the Gym floor, it's beautiful. I have allowed the kids to play basketball there already. Imagine being a kid and you see the floor and you can't go in there to play, and you can't go outside because of the construction. Some let them use the Gym and we will clean it up for the Grand Opening. The Public loves it! They were trying to let the Kids play in front of the building, but I was uncomfortable with that say if a ball rolled into the street. Our next project is to redo the Theater Stage in the Gym and get new curtains on the stage. (Undetectable verbiage) I'm not sure, but we have the scholarship for the Homeless Kids and the Domestic Abuse shelter in the amount of \$20,000 secured for those kids. We send a staff to pick the Homeless kids up from the old Hurst Elementary and a separate van to pick up the Domestic Abuse kids from their shelter. We don't mix those kids on the vans with others because they are in hiding then we take them here and to Sunnyland. So, their fieldtrips and tuition are 100% paid.

**Amanda Glugover -**

- What is the latest with the Peninsula Club. I know Commissioner Paris was gonna speak on it at the Commission meeting, but I missed it.

**Keith Willis -**

- I think the tables and chairs have been ordered, that was an issue. Now we are just waiting on the facility to be painted.

**Amanda Glugover -**

- I was gonna ask about the Sub-committee for the Comp Plan that I totally forgot about.

**Keith Willis -**

- Me, Carol and Theresa met already went through it as much as we could, and then we sent it to Development Services to help us get the ball rolling on that since they have already done one.

**NEW BUSINESS: -**

**No New Business**

**BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS:**

**Devita Bonner -**

- I can attest to the great turnout for the Seafood Festival and several of the other events were well attended by the community.

**Amanda Glugover -**

- 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?

**Rick Brown -**

- Yes, I'm aware of that but, where it's visible is from the park. I'm willing to do that if no one else will.

**Amanda Glugover -**

- And then, I don't understand. I guess you're saying that there's all these people who are complaining, but 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 telling you that. Why do you look confused?

**Rick Brown -**

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

**Amanda Glugover -**

- I don't understand what you are saying.

**Rick Brown -**

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

**Amanda Glugover -**

- I don't think I said that they couldn't talk to her. I'm now understanding you're saying you want them to talk to her. Well, 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 which would actually get action taken a lot quicker than this. 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 them to go to the commission meetings. That's what I'd recommend to you. That's all I have to say. That's it.

**Luke McCoy -**

- Theresa does live in that area correct?

**Amanda Glugover -**

- Yes directly across from the park.

**Rick Brown -**

- I know where she lives. The people that are actually affected that would actually see the lights don't have a problem and would like to have them because of the activity going down there. And again, to address what you were saying, and I stated this at the 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.

**Amanda Glugover -**

- 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 then speak to your Commissioner! 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 done. Seriously end of the conversation. No, there's nothing else.

**Malcolm Williams -**

- Is there anything else for remember? No, thank you. My only comments was for the board if we are planning a Grand Opening for the Dickerson Center could this board be invited and at least made aware of before it becomes public.

**Keith Willis -**

- Ok no problem. And when the Gym is finished, we will move our meeting back to the Dickerson Gym. And, I just want to say please pray for our Parks Dept. Because in the last few months we have had 3 deaths in our Dept. Sheila Priester who runs the Schnebly Center her Dad died. Angie Gowell who run the Gymnastic Program at Schnebly Dad died. And then Vince Terry's his Mom died and we attended her funeral last Saturday. Also, during the Seafood Festival Commissioner Ken Stricklands Wife died so keep us in prayer.

**Francis Chew -**

- I looked at the minutes yesterday and I saw that there is gonna be a ribbon cutting ceremony somewhere at the Dickerson Center.

**Keith Willis** – No, not that I know of. We have not started planning anything for the ribbon cutting ceremony as of yet. I know that we are getting ready to do a soft opening at Collins Park, so I will let you guys know about that.

**ADJOURNMENT**

May 11, 2023, 9:46 am

Malcolm Williams, Chair  
Parks & Rec. Advisory Board

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Malcolm Williams, Chair Date

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