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LEISURE SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

June 8, 2023

9:13 AM

CALL TO ORDER

Carol Kilian called the meeting to order at 9:13 AM.

DEVOTION

Davita Bonner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT/ABSENT

Zone 1 – Amanda Glugover - Absent

Zone 2 – **Vacant**

Zone 3 – Theresa Quattrociocchi - Present

Zone 4 – Carol Kilian - Present

Zone 5 – Malcolm Williams - Absent

Zone 6 – Davita Bonner – Present

At Large – Luke McCoy - Present

OTHERS PRESENT

Keith Willis – Director of Parks & Rec.

Sharonda Irvin – Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

May 11, 2023 – Approved approx. 9:41am

COMMISSION MEETINGS:

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

Frances Chew – There was a lot of things that were on the agenda that were approved. There was a presentation from a company called “Snap Space” they are the company that makes homes out of containers. It was suggested that they do a test run on a property that maybe the City owns. At the end it was suggested that the City and Snap Space go half and half on the deal. The City would provide the property and the Snap Space Company would provide the home.

Carol Kilian – What are the sizes of these containers?

Rick Brown – So they are the standard climax box like a shipping container. You have seen them everywhere. They are approx. 12 ft. wide by 30 ft. wide.

Francis Chew – They can also make them into a doublewide home, or they can stack them up like they did in Missouri to make an apartment complex. It was a temporary fix, but they have already taken them down.

Davita Bonner – The featured some of them over at Allen Chappel a few months ago at a Housing Authority Fair.

-Banter-

OLD BUSINESS:

Carol Kilian – Summer Hires

Keith Willis - Yes, we started the Summer Camp, we were going to have 6 sites, but we ended up with 4 sites. They are the Cherry Center, The Scarlet Center (YSG) Schnebly Center and Sunnyland. We did not open Turie T. Small and Palm Terrace due to lack of staff. The problem is that it takes 3-4 weeks or longer to get anyone cleared and by the time we get them cleared half the Summer is already over. We started back in February doing the screening when we had 13. For whatever reason they couldn't pass a background check either it was drugs or what have you. I even went to the City Manager to go up to \$15.00 per hour, but he couldn't do it this time because it will cause a ripple effect in the pay scale for the Full Timed Employees.

Carol Kilian – So what are they paying now?

Keith Willis - \$13.00 per hour. We are the lowest paid in the County according to my last Directors Meeting. I thought we were doing good, but we are way behind. Others are starting at \$15.00 - \$15.30 per hour. People really don't want to work, that's number one problem. But our main concern is when we get the staff on they say "Oh, I have a family reunion next week so I gotta be out 5 days next week". So, what can we do? It takes too long to hire someone else and then you have to try to work around their schedules.

Carol Killian – Well maybe they need to look at the time frame for hiring people.

Keith Willis – I think it's a DCF issue, because we do level 2 screenings. We talked about this a few years ago. We tried to get out of it, then Legal got involved and it didn't get changed. I think we are the only ones in the County that does Level 2 screenings. But I have talked to Human Resources, and they said it was something that we can do to get around the Level 2 screenings.

Caroll Killian – Yes, I remember talking about it a long time ago and the level 2 screening seems to be the primary reason for some of this. LUKE McCoy is officially present. This gives us a quorum. Ok let's go back. I'm the official Commissioner here this morning.

Carol Killian – Ok, next thing on the agenda was the Summer Registrations and I guess you just talked about that.

Theresa Quattrociocchi – What is a Level 2 Screening?

Keith Willis – It's a high-level background screen. If you did something 10 years ago it will pull it up. Let me give you a scenario. We used to be Parks and Cultural together, we have maintenance people that have been here for years but when we split, they had to go because they couldn't pass the screening and they have been here for years. I agree with it but it's really a hinderance but it's for the safety of our kids.

Carol Killian – Well if we are the only ones in the County that are using it then that's good but bad in the long run if other Cities around the County aren't having to use it. Is there a level 1?

Keith Willis – There is a level 1, but we use a level 2.

-Banter-

Carol Killian – Dickerson Completion Date because we definitely want to have the next Parks & Rec. Meeting there. I thought it was to be completed by this month.

Keith Willis – No, they have completed the parking lot, now they are starting to paint the building. And while they are doing that, they can be doing the landscaping too.

NEW BUSINESS: -

Keith Willis – I have the Grand Opening date for Collins Park, and it is June 25, 2023, at 11am. I had a meeting with the City Manager, and we have the \$40,000 to get the tables and chairs for the Peninsula Club and to paint it. I don't have a date for that yet though, as everyone is asking when they are going to open the Peninsula Club Back up. Me, Carol and Theresa, I think it was about 2 months ago went through the Comp Plan and we got it completed and we have sent it to the guy that's gonna make the changes throughout the whole City. So, I will give you the date sometime next month.

Carol Killian – DO you want the 3 of us to meet again? I don't think that we need to meet again. We can talk about this before July 1st.

-Banter-

Keith Willis – We are getting a new bus for our Seniors. Fleet went and picked it out. It's handicapped accessible, 88 passenger bus. Gonna take a while to go through the red tape, then we gotta get a driver which costs \$7,000 to certify a CDL driver. We are looking for money to get at least 2 drivers certified.

-Banter-

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS:

Theresa Quattrociocchi – Breakers Park, do you know what is going on with that? The homeless camp. They are bathing in the fountain again. There used to be a Police Officer there but not anymore.

Keith Willis – I met with the City Manager a few weeks ago and there was an officer patrolling there, but I don't think he stays there all day.

Theresa Quattrociocchi – I talked to Quanita May and she said that they are getting ready to redo that park is that true?

Keith Willis – I'm not sure and the holdup is because that Park was built off of a grant and they were talking about getting rid of the splash park. We are spending a lot of money to keep it up and running. The problem is that you pass there to get to the showers and wash the dirt off and it runs into the drains and clogs it up.

Theresa Quattrociocchi – Well it's off more than it's on. And every time it smells like a lot of bleach, and I get it, but the kids are playing there. I mean it's really bad. People are always sending me pics of people in the area bathing, (((I'M NOT KIDDING)))

-Banter-

Theresa Quattrociocchi – City Island Park, the back of the Library area , when is that gonna be fixed. When you walk around the trail none of that by the Kids area is cleaned up back there.

-Banter-

Theresa Quattrociocchi – What's going on with that park, I walk my dog there and I can never use the restroom because of the homeless there. Someone told me that they are not putting furniture there anymore because the homeless sleep on it.

Keith Willis – I'll send Chief an email about the park. I know that they were having an issue with the homeless around the area as well as on the street pan handling. There is nothing that they can do about it.

Theresa Quattrociocchi – What happened to the new law that was made about this issue?

Keith Willis – The last I heard that it was not looking good and it's back in court now.

Theresa Quattrociocchi – I heard that the "Homeless" got together and got a lawyer to suit the City because, they have a right because it's their job.

Keith Willis – I think the City wasn't supposed to whatever law they put up, wasn't supposed to be a law.

-Banter-

Carol Killian- Maybe talk to the Police and see what the schedule are for covering these parks ans see what is being covered and what's not being covered.

Carol Killian – Davit do you have anything you have before public comments.

Davita Bonner – Just in General back to what we were talking about with the Summer Programs. We talked about the hiring process but, I know from the Volunteer aspect of it I know that Mrs. Heather is doing that, and it is a very successful program. And those that are involved in this program are enjoying it. We are hoping that we get more college students to get involved and volunteer with this program.

-Banter- Summer Program ending date. Juneteenth Parade

Keith Willis – The parade on the 17 it will start behind Cookman Gymnasium and come out on Mary Mcloud and go west to Keech then to here in the parking lot then have the festival in the park.

Luke McCoy – I heard about a 5K run/walk.

Keith Willis – The run will take place at the Esplanade in conjunction with the Festival.

Davita Bonner – This will be the first annual parade for Juneteenth here in this City.

-Banter-

Rick Brown – You can find this information on the City Highlights it has all the activities listed there. The run starts at 8am not 7am at the riverfront and the parade starts at 10am.

-Banter-

Carol Killian – Luke, do you have anything before we move on?

Like McCoy – Suburbia Park, when is it's completion date. I didn't realize that it was going to be that huge.

Keith Willis – They are gonna put a wall up there too, it's gonna be behind the wall. I'll get a date for you.

BOARD /CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Frances Chew – The item that I wanted to talk about from the commission meeting was concerning some development that is going to happen and there was a grant given of almost a million dollars to the developer. I guess the developer is putting it into one place. Why can't they divey it out to everyone who needs it. Why aren't we developing more?

Carol Killian – What are they developing?

Frances Chew – I don't know. I didn't have time to research it, but when I pulled up the agenda for the commission meeting supposedly there is another avenue that you can go in for each item. Now each item that you go in is called Consent Agenda. Now they take the Consent Agent and there are like 9 items and what they do is at the beginning the Citizens can comment on them. But they vote on each one of them after you say your part. You can't say anything else when they vote. The next thing is a

Hearing. Part of the hearing will let the Citizens comment on each of item. Unfortunately, we don't have enough space because it crowded with all the head honcho's. And It's not fair because they print it out on Friday evening and then you have till Monday through Wednesday to see it. And like he said there are a lot of people who are tech savvy. Then it's almost 6pm it's going to get dark soon, so no one wants to go out in the dark. Breakers Park, I heard there was a fish tank there, is there?

Keith Willis – Yes, inside of the building.

Francis Chew – I took my daughter and kids there. What are the hours for this building?

Keith Willis – We have someone that's there, and during the school year hours the schools come for fieldtrips there for part of the grant. I will get those hours for you. *It's beautiful too.*

Rick Brown – Again, I already said thank you for fixing the flag, you got that done. Dickerson Opening, we discussed this once before and I questioned it then that we weren't going to make June 1st and we still haven't as we discussed. Can we get this posted on the website and of course we talked about the links that were broken.

Keith Willis – I don't think they are going to post this until the contractor tell us that we can open.

Rick Brown – Well can you at least let the public know ahead so we are not waiting in awe. Again, information is better than disinformation.

Keith Willis – Well I did state June or July.

Rick Brown – Well you didn't state it in this last meeting, but I don't want to go all through this again

Keith Willis – Well it was supposed to be January 6th.

Rick Brown – Anyway it's helpful to have the public know the status is. Also, Lenox Park I brought up the fact there is a tremendous amount of damage caused by the contractors. You said that you walked it, I have taken numerous amounts of pictures of the damage, and I want to know if the contractors who keeps getting new contracts is gonna pay for the damage that they did to the park. Again, I still don't have an answer to that one. The Lenox Park eastside fence again, we talked about that, and you said that the City has never put a fence there and I believe that to be true. Because the collection of odds and ends fence that's there are way too short. You also said that they were not on City property, but according to the survey they actually are. I don't know what the status is, but all I know is that I'd like to see a fence all the way across that to match the existing fence on the other side of the park. This Comprehensive Plan meeting that you have coming up, you just discussed it. Is this a public or private meeting because again this is something that I brought up several meetings back on how important it is. And it's becoming increasingly more important with all the stuff that's going on on the West Side. Particularly in Zones 4, 5 and depending on how the zone is marked possible Zone 6. As far as Parks go the Comprehensive Plan clearly dictates how much Park space is set aside. I think it's very important that every member of this board is aware of those requirements. As brought up in the meetings, no one has discussed putting any new parks there. There was a brief mention of the

possibility of a pocket park last night in Zone 4 near LPGA. Again, we have a huge amount of development going on and I'm not seeing park planning mentioned anywhere over there.

Carol Killian – Can I answer that for you. The Raynor Park is on the books and it's 30 acres that is set aside on LPGA Blvd, I can't tell you exactly where it is but each of the associations out there have at least 1 or 2 pocket parks in their areas. The ICO homes have 2 parks I believe. So that's incorrect. These parks are being put in there as they go along. And the Raynor Park which is named after the policeman was killed.

Rick Brown – Because there was a great deal of activity there at the meeting that Commissioner Cantu had at the Police Department. My concern is being in cohesion with the City Comprehensive Plan. My concern is that it very clearly lays out what type of park you are supposed to have and that's what I'm not seeing being done. Pocket Parks are not what the Comp Plan calls for and that was one of the arguments. Beach access, we talked about Breakers Park. There is absolutely no beach access from Daytona Grande all the way down to Hilton South Towers and of course Breakers is in the middle of all this beach. The problem is that the people come down and they walk all over this debris, and they go around the signs and it's very dangerous. I know they came and ripped out all the steps and piled the debris up and left it. I don't know what is going on but it's creating a real hazard and a real concern for our citizens. I know that there is a fine line between the City and County as to who does what. Beville Rd. Trail is that under Parks & Rec.? Ok, because I can't find any information on that. They just granted it a 45-day extension at the meeting last night.

-Banter-

Marjory Johnson – I'm a resident of Zone 6 and my concern today is when are you going to finish this Dickerson Center Park it is taking a long time to complete. And no one is giving me answers.

Keith Willis – Yes, it should be ready by July 4th, and we should be having our next meeting there which should be the second week in July. If you go by there you will see that they have started the paint there.

Marjory Johnson – I want to thank you Keith for the fine job you are doing Keith as our Leisure Service Director.

Luke McCoy – I can speak on Baseball. We started off on fire and I guess it could be something like the Dickerson Center project. We tried to schedule our games on Wednesday and for the last 3 months every Wednesday it would rain. It could be in the 90's on Tuesday and Wednesday it would rain. So, we ran out of time. We are going into the fall sports and the kids are moving into football which is a big thing in this area and soccer. So, we are trying to develop a end of the year we really don't want to call it a banquet but a banquet celebration. We didn't even to get our pictures. We were scheduled to take our pictures for a 2-month period and the photographer who was volunteering, and it was just raining. We were gonna play yesterday but look what happened, it rained. It's something about Wednesdays and raining in Daytona. We are excited and we will build from where we leave off for next year and get even bigger.

Carol Killian – How many Kids did you have?

Luke McCoy - We ended up with 27 kids. We had enough kids to play against ourselves.

Carol Killian – Can you go in sooner next year?

Luke McCoy – Yes, we have a strategy to go in doing what we were doing during Baseball season is having a clinic. So, what we will do is move that clinic up to Fall and it will be for the kids that are not playing football or anything like that so when Baseball season comes, we will be ready to jump right in.

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT

June 8, 2023, 10:03 am

Carol Killian- Acting Chair
Parks & Rec. Advisory Board

Reviewed by: _____
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