

# **PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

## **Minutes**

**October 12, 2023**

**9:07 AM**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Malcolm Williams calls meeting to order at 9:07 AM.

### **ROLL CALL**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT/ABSENT**

Zone 1 – Amanda Glugover - Present

Zone 2 – **Vacant**

Zone 3 – Theresa Quattrociocchi - Present

Zone 4 – Carol Kilian - Present

Zone 5 – Malcolm Williams - Present

Zone 6 – Devita Bonner – Absent

At Large – Luke McCoy – Present

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Keith Willis – Director of Parks & Rec.

Lubna Nisa – Secretary

### **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: ALL**

**PRAYER:** Luke McCoy

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

September 14, 2023 – All in favor. Approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Keith Willis said that Daisy Stocking Park infrastructure have been installed. They are working on fields, painting on parking lot, shades over the seats and pavilion. Playground structure will be delivered by November 1.
- We have suspended work next week due to Bike week because we have to open the area in front of Daisy Stocking Park for emergency night during Biketober fest.
- North Street Park Design is still in progress.
- Peninsula Club is opened and Ladies Club back in the building. We are waiting for new AC to arrive.
- Theresa commented that everything in Peninsula Club including parking lot looks good.
- Malcolm Williams made a recommendation that when City will put the plaques in Daisy Stocking Park or any other park, one of the plaques should be in the name of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Carol Kilian fully supported it. Keith Willis said he would look into it.

- Malcolm Williams also added that the dugouts at Ballpark looks good with paint. We have to do cost analysis for murals on at least on dugout in parks.
- Carol Kilian said that we talked about a workshop sometime in November before Thanks giving. Malcolm Williams recommended that we could do our workshop in next meeting, which will be November 9 at YSG at 9am. In addition, this meeting should be advertised as workshop so that people can come and attend as well. Theresa suggested that we should invite somebody from the Police Department to understand their safety plan for us. Luke McCoy suggested inviting Little League Representative. Amanda recommended inviting Sheila McBaughan.
- Carol clarify that a subcommittee will meet Sheila and her mom separately. Keith Willis said he would setup a meeting with the subcommittee.
- Malcolm William suggested that we will start our regular meeting at 9am and ends at 9:10am. After comments of the people, we can start our workshop. People will have opportunity to give comments during workshop as well.
- Carol Kilian suggested that if we should have an additional subcommittee meeting prior to workshop.
- Keith Willis said that he talked to David about the fence and David informed him that there is a request for taller fence on the east side. Commission just allow 8-foot fence on each side, it will be installed by property maintenance very soon.
- Carol Kilian recommended that this coming workshop should be on Police safety and other areas can be discussed in later workshops.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Theresa asked about City Island Park gazebos. We do not have any furniture in there due to homeless people. Are we doing anything about this situation?
- Keith Willis said, we are trying to move tennis courts, pickle ball courts and volleyball courts there and planning to put some new kind of seating that are not very comfortable.
- Theresa said that the two walk docks are open to public and homeless people are always resides there.
- Malcolm asked about Yacht Club responsibilities when it come to that property. We have a job to advice how to make City beautiful. Theresa said that this area need to be cleaned up. The women bathrooms are very scary because grown men are always standing there. Keith Willis said that we need to have park rangers just like beach rangers.
- Malcolm Williams recommended that we should look at all the plans by city, county as well as through private sectors like Brown and Brown. That will be a tough conversation for us.
- Amanda Glugover said that Brown and Brown patrol their parks; we should do the same thing as well because we have several areas that are the homes for homeless people, which required police safety.
- Keith Willis mentioned that not only City Island; other parks like Joe Harris Park, Bethune Point Park, Tuscawilla Park have the same complain. We reached out to police department for this issue. The officers are not available right away when an incident happened. They may be short staff these days. For example, we had shooting at Dickerson Center and Police took 15 minutes to get there, they were off street training.

- Malcolm Williams asked about the empty lot behind the mosque which is already been cleaned. Can we use that lot as an extra space for Biketoberfest parking? People can park their trailers and we can charge them. That money can go to the Parks and Recreation programs, he asked. Keith Willis said that the part of that lot belongs to the Muslims and other part is ours, which is not enough space to put the multipurpose field.
- Malcolm also asked that since the Muslims occupied their building, our kids have enough space during football season. Keith Willis said that we already look in to it and we have some funding problem.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Francis Chew:

- At Neighborhood Watch Meeting at Cherry Center on second Monday of the month at 6pm, a police officer came and said they still have physical training left that is why they are shorthanded.
- We need to have Splash Park at Derbyshire Park, because kids and grandmas really like it.
- Malcolm Williams said he would not recommended that because the Splash Parks are very high maintenance.
- Maps at Meet the Commissioners were not visible; they should be more clear and easy to read for seniors.

Rick Brown:

- Zone 1 is the most established zone of the City but there is nothing there other than a park at Bethune Point on the beachside. This is completely ignored by Parks and Recreation Department. We need to have fence and green belts on north side of the Bridge Port Park ASAP for the safety of people. We are waiting for benches and slabs for longtime. Application for these things have been submitted a while ago. We like to have update on all these matters.

Claudia McConnehead:

- Claudia asked two questions:
  1. When the bus will be ready? Keith replied that his staff is in drivers training these days.
  2. How the Parks and Recreation Department handles the members whose behavior is totally in appropriate and rude. An incidence happened last week during Senior Oasis. Keith replied that we should have meeting with that person. Malcolm said that City already have a code of conduct which can be used for this kind of situations. Carol Kilian said that if you have a Parliamentarian in your organization he/she would follow the city's rules and handle the situation. Keith added that we could not remove that person.
- Malcolm Williams asked Claudia:

1. Where you are planning to go when the Bus will be ready? Claudia replied that they do not have a set location or plan right now.
2. Is Golden Oasis involved in Senior Olympics at national level? Claudia replied that our group is mostly involved in social activities, not involved in Olympics right now.

Eddra Way-Martin:

- Many Senior Oasis members participate in Line Dancing events and performances. Therefore, they need to be involved in City's events in any zone whenever possible.

Katie Prestwood:

- We had Mayor's Books Giveaway, which was very successful, and we giveaway about 32000 books.
- Trunk or Treat event is coming up on Halloween at City Island from 6-8pm. December 1, we will have Senior Prom at Cherry Center, It would be open to all of the Senior Oasis Groups and it will be free. They can bring a guest, will enjoy dinner and dancing.
- We are also planning with Commissioner Paula Reed a children's Christmas Party at Jackie Robinson Ballpark on Friday December 8 from 6-9pm. It will be a free event as well, with free refreshments, games; line dancing Santa and a Christmas movie Elf will be played. We will do Dry Food Drive and will give away the leftover books as well.
- Christmas Parade will be on December 9 at 6pm, starting from Brown and Brown Building, ending at City Island-Jackie Robinson Ballpark. This year's theme would be Jingle all the waves.
- Malcom Williams requested one judging spot for Parks and Recreation Advisory Board in Christmas Parade.
- Katie added that this year parade is not going to stop for judging because last time there were many gaps in the parade. If anybody from Advisory Board want to be a judge or on the float or decorate, you are more than welcome. Our applications would be out by the next week. Malcolm suggested no Santa on the floats because last time there were multiple Santa in the parade.
- Toys for Tots distribution from Police Department will be held on December 18-20, at Cherry Center from 9am-5pm. Parks and Recreation Department will handle the distribution part of the event.

**BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS:**

Amanda Glugover: Are we going to focus on Police Safety during workshop. Malcolm said he would let everybody know later.

Luke McCoy: We discussed Daytona Beach Little League Baseball with Keith Willis and City Manager. I asked couple of representatives, Stephanie Mason and Morgan Durr Jr. to come and give a short presentation. We are not starting as a Youth Program but we are starting as a registered entity representing the City of Daytona Beach. Pop Warner is the separate entity.

Stephanie Mason Presentation:

- My son Alec is 9 years old, he started baseball with Coach Morgan in 2021, and he is playing with South Daytona since then. The residents of Daytona Beach are going to other surrounding Cities. We feel it is important to have Daytona Beach own Baseball Team.
- Theresa asked what your game plan is for Baseball. Luke McCoy replied that we are going to put quality products on the team. Daytona kids are already leaving since we have nothing to hold. Now we have an organized plan to offer. In first year, we are not going to have 16 teams but as long as we put together things correctly and presented a professional product, we will be in right direction.
- Coach Morgan said I have been coaching South Daytona for many years and turned many first time players in to champion teams. I am born and raised in Daytona and played little league baseball at Bethune Point at old Pal Center. It was a great program when I was growing up. Parents residing in Daytona do not have to travel to Ormond or South Daytona for this purpose. In addition, December 9 we have a walking parade and flyers are out already.
- Keith Willis said I would set up a meeting with my Athletics Manger, supervisors and media personals to create a plan to reach out to elementary schools, social media.
- Luke McCoy said that this presentation is not for asking anything but tell you what we are doing for Little League Baseball.

Keith Willis:

- We host Directors Luncheon on Christmas; I am going to invite you. Date and time need to be decided.
- They put a hold on Sunnyland playground equipment; hopefully, we will be able to install before Christmas. We are going to have new press box at Sunnyland and it will be behind the bleachers.
- Dickerson Gymnasium is shut down for floor and restrooms repairs until further notice.

**ADJOURNMENT**

October 12, 2023, 10:12am

Malcolm Williams- Chair  
Parks & Rec. Advisory Board

Reviewed by:  11/9/23  
Malcolm Williams, Chair Date

Transcribed by: Lubna Nisa, Board Secretary