

LEISURE SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

September 14, 2023

9:05 AM

CALL TO ORDER

Malcolm Williams calls meeting to order at 9:02 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.

Sharonda Irvin – Secretary

Martavious Policarpe – Community Centers

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG – ALL

PRAYER – Malcolm Williams

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

August 10, 2023 – All in favor, Approved.

OLD BUSINESS -

Keith Willis –

- Daisy Stocking, if you guys know, they have started the infrastructures being installed and enhancement which includes underground drainage, sidewalks and electrical that will enhance the concert experience. Concrete footers are also being poured for the massive shade structure over the area.
- North Street Park designs will be done by the end of the year. We have \$300,000 and we can't get a restroom built. Every time the design comes back, it's so expensive. So, the city manager has to get involved and we just want two restrooms, you know, just so people won't have to go home.

Carol Kilian – Can we have just a family restroom instead of 2 separate restrooms?

-Banter about the different options for a bathroom-

Keith Willis -

- Sunnyland Park, the playground equipment install date is yet to be determined by the manufacturer. The design of the new press box will be completed by the end of the October. I stated a couple of months ago, if you sit on the visitor side in the stand, you can't see anything on third base. If you sit on the third base side, you can't see the batter and the first base side. So, we're going to move it back.

Malcolm Williams -

- Can we get an updated look at what these parks are going to look like since we are already having conversations about the upgrades to these sites like Breakers?

Keith Willis -

- We had a citizens academy program last Tuesday, and they're trying to find the rest of the money. So that's why I didn't bring the designs. David told us to wait. because some things are going to shift and change with those plans. I know some of that's going to change because they want to get rid of the splash pad at Breakers. And the issue I told you last time is that it was funded by a grant and it's hard to just get rid of it or you have to return the money. And so that's what the holdup is that right there. So, we can't keep up because my budget does not have the funds to keep fixing it because it just keeps breaking, and it's expensive. We have the company keep coming out once a week. We have to get the dirt and oil out of the filter then make sure the water levels are right.

-Banter about how to maneuver the grant if possible-

Malcolm Williams -

- In my opinion is that if the City can do away with the splash pad, then get rid of it and create an interactive art space instead with that property. The city has plenty of other places like 1 Daytona who has programs built around a splash pad. Derbyshire Park is not a park. It's the most centrally located sport hub for Volusia County, and we should use it as such. We talked about a pocket park for the Derbyshire area. Is that still in play?

-Banter about possible usages for the Breakers Park and Derbyshire Park locations-

Keith Willis -

- Danette had asked about a splash pad because she doesn't know the cost of a splash park. So, she said she was going to donate a hundred thousand dollars and that's nothing to get started on the water park. And we did go out there with the architect, the city manager and me to find a spot. But it's the money that's the issue.
- The Dickerson Center main project is complete. The restrooms here are being made ADA compliant in both buildings. They've already started in the small building. We have a young lady that's in a mobile chair and she can't go to the restroom. It won't fit in there. So, they're doing that one. And they're going to come over here and start these here.
- Also, when you guys leave, let's just look at the gym floor. Something happened with the manufacturer when they were laying it down. They're going to have to redo the whole floor.
- Jackie Robinson Ballpark plans to replace the grandstand. Roofs are in the design also. New lighting and poles are in design in phase two.

-Banter about the upkeep of Jackie Robinson Ballpark and the holdup of the refurbishment of the Tennis Courts.-

Keith Willis -

- We have to hold up on the tennis courts renovations because it makes no sense to do the tennis courts and when they get the money to do the stadium up to MLB standards, they have to redo them. So, they are waiting on the new designs of the stadium.

Malcolm Williams-

- I think it would be great, like Amanda had brought up once before about the old bowling alley on Mason. If we bought that building, put our Inner-City Tennis program there, that'd be great. Just throwing that out there.

Keith Willis -

- Have any of you guys on the board ever attend a citizen academy?

Carol Kilian – I was there in the first one in 2009.

Keith Willis -

- 2009 was the first time. And they had everybody from 2009 up to now there. And we gave them like a refresher course because everything has changed from then to now.

-Banter about the next Citizens Academy and why everyone should go and sign up for the class-

NEW BUSINESS:

Amanda Glugover -

- What's the status about the Peninsula Club. I know it got painted and they are waiting on new tables and chairs

Keith Willis -

- They've already been ordered. We're waiting on them. As I stated in the Citizens Academy that one of the AC units is down in the building. We had the money and it's already been ordered.

Amanda Glugover -

- I talked to Commissioner Paris, and she said that she has people in her area, which is the east side mostly over there that would like pickleball in the area. I said we talk about this last meeting where you said there were some pickleball places, but we don't have a ton, right? Okay, so I said that to her and off the top of my head I don't remember where they were. And she's like, no, we have none. And I was like no, that's not true. And I could've sworn it was like four or five or something like that.

Keith Willis -

- We have it at Derbyshire, Schnebly and we also have offered it here at the Dickerson Center in the mornings and at Cherry Center. So, either Paris or Commissioner Cantu sent a guy from the Pictona and I've met with him and everything. We went around to the sites. So, he's going to come back to all of the Senior Oasis programs once he meets with the presidents to give them a 15-minute orientation. Then, we will start there. But I think the problem we're going to have is I think it was \$25 per person to do something. And I know the Senior's will not do it. They can't afford it. So, once he gives his presentation, we're going to have to meet again so he can come down on his fees. Okay, so that's in the work as we speak.

Amanda Glugover -

- What about the space over there by the armory can we put some courts over there?

Keith Willis -

- That space has had conversations for many different projects even for a New City Hall. But, Pickleball won't be going there. The Derbyshire Park in the new design is slated to have 4 new courts for Pickleball in the plans.

-Banter about the Tennis Courts at Jackie Robinson again and Volleyball at City Island Park-

Amanda Glugover -

- Can we get a sub-committee together with Me, Carol and Theresa and my Mom to look over the plans then bring it back to the group.

Keith Willis -

- I will set something up for us

-Banter about the program booklet from the Parks & Rec. Dept-

Keith Willis -

- So, I'm putting out a book of every park in Daytona and then a program book of all the facilities and what's inside of them. The program booklet is 95% complete.

Carol Kilian -

- I think they were waiting for a lot of these things to finish so they could put the pictures together and get all the information straight. But what I was asking for was a single pager and if you go on-line it does give you all of the projects and the parks that are under Parks and Rec.

Luke McCoy -

- Little league baseball, I don't want to wait until spring to start it. Port Orange and South Daytona offer fall ball. We are not ready to offer fall ball, but what has happened is there has been a big shake up in the administration. Port Orange Fall League was canceled, and they merged with South Daytona. It's a lot of confusion going on. I'm thinking if we are ready for spring ball. I don't want to use the word poach, but I would be getting a lot of participation from disorganized leagues if we are organized and ready to receive the players. I'm trying to walk gingerly; I don't need it as a side thought for the workers that are already assigned to do something with the city to try to organize and promote.

-Banter about the Baseball meeting with certain individuals from surrounding cities -

Theresa Quattrociocchi -

- Lenox Park, I talked to you about the trees need to be trimmed.

Keith Willis -

- When you go there can you take pictures of the items that you are talking about because I have no clue of the areas that you are taking about when I go. Thanks.

Theresa Quattrociocchi -

- On the left side. When you're facing left Lenox Park, it's like just a little grass area. Let's Talk about the fence at Lenox Park.

Keith Willis -

- I was trying to get David Waller to come here to explain what the holdup is with the fence. So, I'm trying to get him at our next meeting.

Theresa Quattrociocchi -

- What's going on with the Shade Structure for Lenox Park?

Keith Willis -

- It is happening. It's going up over where the dog park is. Yes, it's already been approved and everything.

Theresa Quattrociocchi -

- What about the Cameras for Lenox Park?

Keith Willis -

- They told me to hold up because they were combining it with the cameras on Sea breeze Boulevard. And we had to put that order in with that. So, it's a whole big project now.

Theresa Quattrociocchi -

- Security at Breakers Park.

Keith Willis -

- We don't have money to hire the security company. So, you know I haven't spoken to Jakari. It's just they're short staffed. But there is a guy that walks the area. I've talked to him quite a few times. I don't know what the schedule is if he's out there eight hours or what.

-Banter about the signage at Lenox Park and the young people on the motorcycles messing the grass up as well as Citizen Patrol in the area-

Malcolm Williams -

- First question is the Park and Rec. going to be in that parade? And two, are we bringing any of our youth organizations or is it just a staff thing?

Keith Willis -

- No, we do the Christmas Parade. Cookman is over the Homecoming Parade.

Malcolm Williams -

- What is the marketing plan for our parks and how can we start to make our community centers make money for the city. Personally, I would like to see more push on our social media and things like that. And I'm a big advocate for this board introducing board members out in the

Community. At least once a month we should be putting something out like hey, I'm a board member of this zone and here's my favorite park.

-Banter about the weekly City Managers flyer of city happenings-

Malcolm Williams -

- I want to put in a request. I would like to see if then next meeting could be a closed meeting and it's just the board. So that way we can actually spend some time on kind of putting that plan together or call a special meeting.

Amanda Glugover -

- The meeting s must be open to the public.

Carol Kilian -

- We can do a workshop, but the public can be there but not participate in the meeting. Where each zone member can come with 3 or 4 points that they would like to see happen in their zone.

-Banter about the BCU Homecoming Pep Rally being at the Daytona Stadium and the traffic issues-

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Francis Chew -

- Thanks to you Mr. Willis for allowing the line dancing to continue at the Sunnyland park. We would like to have both instructors there together, but we know that's not possible due to staffing issues.

Keith Willis -

- That is correct, due to short staffing we have to have Tweety here at this facility.

Rick Brown -

- Several things you discussed as not a park. So, we have several not a park on Beachside. We have Bridgeport, Sickler, which is under the bridge. Ora Street and Oleander are all not a park. We basically have only Lennox on the entire beach side right now and Schnebly Center. And that's pretty much it. Ora Street still advertises on our city website that it has beach access. It does not. Do we have any idea when that will be completed?
- Any idea if or when the shade structure for Lenox Park will be ordered?

Keith Willis -

- The Public Works department is handling that.

Rick Brown -

- I would like to see us use galvanized as a standard for both playground equipment and for fencing. The vinyl coated steel that was put in Lennox Park does not last, especially on beachside. And we've had several places where we've had vinyl coated steel. It's already deteriorated after only a few years of use. Whereas galvanizing will last virtually forever. The slide equipment that you have here at Dickerson is very good. The equipment that's over at Lennox Park is all vinyl coated steel. It's all rusting and coming apart. It's basically throwing money in a trash can. So, I would like to see us, go towards Galvanize as a standard. It's the old standard that was used for hundreds of years in this country. As far as workshops go, the public has always been able to be present. And in other workshops that I've been to, the public has been allowed to submit questions. But as you say, not participate in the actual business of it. They have been allowed to submit it.

Malcolm Williams -

- I just want to remind citizens that we are an advisory board to the city. We do not make purchase agreements and all that stuff, but we would definitely take your concerns to those who actually make those decisions.

John Nickelson

- You do have the knowledge that there's disparity between the number of parks on Beachside and the number of parks on mainland. There's a disparity on the upkeep of parks or used to be now that Feacher is here it's changing. There was a disparity about the upkeep of parks on Beachside and that of mainland. There's a disparity among the number of activities that are offered on Beachside and there are offered on the mainland. You guys are parks and recreation. So, if you see that there is one activity on the beach side and only 50 on the mainland, that's a disparity. So, you should do something about that if you are having a function. Make sure that you're balancing it, alright. It's within your purview of doing that. The amount of money that's being spent, I understand we spent \$51 million on Collins Park. That's a big amount. It's the largest we've spent on any of our parks for a long time. But compared to \$2 million, it's a little bit smaller than 2 million. We spent I think \$11,000 on another park, which compared to a million and a half on a park on the mainland. Those are the disparities that I consider very large and I'm asking you to, to look at those that when we do it fair is fair. So, Feacher said he would like to add more parks. There are four non parks. There are five properties on the beach side that could be made into parks very easily under the Sea Breeze Bridge to be made into a park only by asking it won't cost a dime. So, I'm asking you to think about it. Also, underneath and beside the ISB bridge, there's property there and underneath it for a park won't cost us a dime. It's already publicly owned. So, I'm asking you to look into parks on the beach side to put a little bit more to balance. I think it's now one to five for every park on the beach side. I think there's five on the mainland or 10 on the mainland.

ADJOURNMENT

September 14, 2023, 9:58am

Malcolm Williams- Chair
Parks & Rec. Advisory Board

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Malcolm Williams, Chair Date

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