

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

June 13, 2024

9:04 AM

CALL TO ORDER

Amanda Glugover called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM.

DEVOTION

Luke McCoy

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT/ABSENT

Zone 1 – Amanda Glugover - Present

Zone 2 – Linda Smiley - Present

Zone 3 – Theresa Quattrociocchi -Present

Zone 4 – Carol Kilian - Present

Zone 5 –

Zone 6 – DaVita Bonner - Present

At Large – Luke McCoy - Present

OTHERS PRESENT

Keith Willis – Director of Parks & Recreation Department

Lubna Nisa– Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from May 9, 2024, meeting was approved.

COMMISSION MEETINGS:

No Update

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS:

Keith Willis Updates:

- They've completed the restrooms in Dickerson center main building
- They're going to start the restrooms handicap assessment in the ML brown building.
- We had to move the counsel of aging out from there and move them into a meeting room for the six weeks at least.
- Summer camp has started.
- It's going well. They've had their first field trip started Monday of this week.
- I spoke with Nanette about the park cleanup, she is going to meet with me.
- She had over a hundred volunteers when they were doing highway cleanups, like us doing the park cleanup.
- I got her in touch with risk management and they're going to get them the whole harmless form so they can sign it.
- Amamda said she want to join the meeting with Nanette.

- Theresa said Nanette brought lot of volunteers for beach cleanups, but they can only be allowed to work for 2 hours. They need more volunteering time.
- Carol asked about adopting the road project.
- Luke replied that That was my suggestion, we don't have to do adopt the road necessarily. My organization is already involved in that because of which I had all the information material and brought that contract as an example and presented it to the board.
- If we want to participate in the County's program, we can put an application in county, and they will assign us a particular highway or road for the City of Daytona Beach, Parks and Recreation Department. I thought we were going to try to start our own program and we would be the one who will be assigning groups to different parks.
- Keith reminded that each board member will choose a park from his/her zone for cleanup.
- Theresa asked about the youth organization involvements.
- Luke said members are going to choose the park and youth organization and Nanette volunteers will work with us on that. I would say we should cleanup the area not just a park because City do an excellent job in cleaning up the parks and keeping up clean.
- Carol concluded that the next step is the meeting with Nanette.

NEW BUSINESS:

Keith Willis Updates:

- Sunland playground equipment has been installed; believe today is the first day that the kids can use it.
- North street park restrooms had to go back to design again for the fifth time. But now we're getting pushback that we must spend that money in a certain amount of time, which is \$300,000.
- We're trying to open the Campbell pool in the next two weeks. The tile came in and the guy started to lay the tile out in the pool, but they were the wrong tiles.
- Theresa asked that are the board member mandated to attend Master Plan Meetings, Keith said no.
- **NEW PRESIDENT:** Luke asked Amanda that since Malcolm has stepped down, you would like to step up as a President of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board? Amanda said I will be happy to step up if that's what everybody else wants.

MOTION: Amanda Glover will be the chairperson and Carol Kilian will be the vicechair person of this Parks and Recreation Advisory board.

VOTE: All in favor.

Justin Vallejo Updates:

- We have the NFL Flag Football League for girls, registration is open now.
- Adult Kickball registration just started as well.
- Aqua Zumba is going on at the Cypress Aquatic Center on Tuesdays. It rained out this past Tuesday with the storm.
- We just started Baby and Me Swim class every Saturday along with regular swim lessons at Cypress Pool.
- Daytona Beach Gymnastics Summer Sessions will be starting July 8th.
- The Summer Camp started in early June.
- The Bruce McNorton Football Camp is this Friday at Derbyshire. It's free for all kids.

- Public Input Meetings for the Park and Rec Master Plan started. The first one was on Tuesday and the next one is today at Dickerson.
- Midtown Music Concert series starts this Saturday at seven o'clock at Daisy Stocking Park and then over at the Cherry Center in August.
- Summer Fun on the Run, coming back to this summer with the first one coming up around June 26th, this activity is a lot of fun for kids with music, activities, food, drinks of ice.
- In addition, we're going to have three other locations throughout the summer.
- Updated Parks and Rec newsletter available in paper copy and on website. They're all archived as well.
- **Luke Comment:** Luke said that the Daytona Beach Kiwanis Club gives 200 of our students in our summer camps a shopping spree for back to school which is a little over hundred dollars per student. So, we're going to meet at the Cherry Center at 10 pm and then once they receive their backpack, we'll take them to JC Penny, and they'll do their shopping with the discounts from JC Penny. It comes out to be \$120 per student.
- Justin said to follow us on Facebook, because every single day I put all our community center programs and athletics.
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CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Rick Brown:

- Mr. Willis, who is responsible for Campbell pool for the project of Campbell pool? Keth said David Waller from Public Works department or Brent.
- Rick Brown said that I was brought up in the past about utilizing the 2010 South Peninsula and I know Luke, who was gracious enough to come visit it as well as Linda has been there to see it. I don't know if any else of the board members has been down there. It's an excellent opportunity. We're having a problem with Dr. Kim overriding his border and taking over the park and cutting down city trees, which nobody is doing anything about. But we need to work as quickly as possible to make that a viable park. It is city property and it's an excellent location. Again, I remind you of Zone one has no parks and the one piece of property that I found almost three years back still has a problem with the property owner on the north side.
- Again, I would like to ask, like every other park, to get a fence and put it on that north one and do landscaping over there.
- Also, there is a constant code violation there, people that live on the north side parking vehicles in the public area. So, I'd like to see the Parks and Rec Department step up and do something about it.
- Again, it's the only place we have in zone one. We got nothing.
- I also want to emphasize that the tennis courts have been just eliminated. I really would like to see that redone and back again because some of us would like to play tennis and do not want to drive 20 miles to the tennis center and pay an exorbitant amount of money. Those tennis courts are historic, and they've been there since the twenties, and I really would like to see them redone.
- I would like to know whether this board presented all that to the City Commission? Or submitted any report to them because I never see anything from this board at City Commission.

Roberto Dini Colo:

- In the last two years we have lost two courts here. Four racket ball courts and six courts at City Island. It would be nice to do a little bit of patchwork if one location can be identified to put all the courts back and maybe do like a four split. There are several options. City island is one option where 95% of the field is open to us. And then at Schnebly there is room for four clay courts and one additional volleyball court. I can email the research I've done for it to anybody who's interested in seeing that. There are various other properties like 2010 South Peninsula Drive are also available. It goes all the way to the river, and It's owned by the city. It could be a park, could be for tennis, could be for volleyball, it could be for anything.
- **Keith Commented** that he spoke couple of months ago and informed that the Tortugas will be taking over that area where the tennis courts are, and the city was looking to put six additional courts next to the library. We spoke about it at the workshop as well. And that plan so far is still going forward. We have courts at Derbyshire.
- Roberto said those courts are hard courts, residents only play on Clay because hard courts because of a lot of injuries. I can produce a list of Florida cities who converted their courts to clay courts.
- A few years ago, in various places there was a trend to do cement bike skating, walking and running trails with those cuts every 10 feet. People don't use those. They go on the road instead of using the brand-new cement sidewalks, it would be better to use asphalt sidewalks so people can bike and skate without having to go like on a railroad.
- Theresa suggested that he should go to the Master Plan meetings and explain about clay courts.

Frances Chew:

- Seniors are disappointed about their line dancing class in the daytime
- I need to call the citizens patrol, who come instead of the police, because there's kids always throwing rocks around here instead of going over there and playing in the playground and there's a lot of adult kids that use up the courts in place of little kids.

Keith Commented:

- It happened usually after dark when our staff leave.
- The line dancing instructor is not just a line dance instructor. So once summer started, we had to pull her to the summer kids.
- Also, I just said the restrooms are being renovated. When they originally started to do the restroom, they were going to do the men's first, so we had to move the council of aging out of there and move to another room, now we are out of space. We are moving the refrigerator for council of aging since they don't have kitchen now. The choice was either we had to shut down for two months or we move it over here. So, we decided to move them to different room on the same property so they can continue to run. This is temporary.
- We moved the line dancing class to the evening, but they want 3 'o'clock.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Theresa Quattrociochi:

- I apologize that I've had two major surgeries in two months, so I'm really kind of behind on things I was asked by one person so many times that Can Lenox Park have a big Coquina Rock as a decoration piece in the front.

DaVita Bonner:

- I did have somebody address the issues with the flooding, and inquiring about a property that I guess the individual was not living here at this time in Daytona, but they were considering either selling the house or not selling the house. So, I was able to refer them to get the assistance they needed. It's a family that they had lost a loved one several years ago, but they were using it as a summer house. They've been hearing about the hurricane forecast, they were concerned, do we need to even still maintain or keep this home? So, I was able to get assistance for them with that.

Carol Kilian:

- Who is Nanette? Theresa said that she is the president of the dog park and she's the lady that started the dog park in Ormond Beach. She has over a hundred volunteers who volunteer every two hours to clean up the beach.
- Who is the replacement for Zone 5 and Betty Goodman.

Board Comment on Betty Goodman by Carol:

Betty Goodman has been one of the finest people ever on city staff and always, you know, answering questions and engaging with people and she will be sorely missed.

- All members agreed.

Keith Willis:

- Thanks to all who attended the appreciation dinner.

Luke McCoy:

- Our former chair resigned, had implemented a program with the board that each board member would take a month. And the so-called meeting would represent them. And I know Theresa you've been out, like this meeting was supposed to be yours. Are we going to still follow that plan.
- Carol said I liked the idea.
- Amanda asked if we're only focusing on that zone. We can't bring up other issues.
- Other members responded that we could discuss other issues too.
- For example, next month's meeting is mine, I've gone to people that were instrumental in my life from every zone, because I want to have a representative from every zone here. Also, I would like to take pictures with each board member and have a little giveaway.
- Amanda asked if the secretary will be there in those meetings.
- Luke said yes, the secretary will be there, and everything will be the same.
- Carol explained with her example that my zone is way west, and everyone doesn't know much about my zone, so it's a good idea that I would give you specific information about my zone and what's going on there. It won't close the meeting for issues with other zones. It would just highlight mine.

- Luke said we know that we don't have any park in zone 1 as Mr. Brown mentioned in every meeting, and we talk about Lenox Park only for zone 3. Is there any other park in that zone?
- Theresa said no' I talked about, I've talked about other City Parks, how they have been cleaned up and we are having a lot of issues in the bathrooms etc. I brought up other parks too, but I just found out that this is my park. This wasn't in my zone when I first started. I had no clue.
- Luke said that's why we think it's a good idea.

Linda Smiley:

- I took the time to go down and look at that piece of property on Peninsula and what do we have to do to get that to be a park? Can we take it to the commission?
- Amanda said that you can. We could also present it as board recommendation.
- Keith said we need to move it fast so we can try to find some grant money.
- Linda asked about the tennis courts, the Tortugas are taking over the area.
- Keith replied that the tennis courts were damaged bad from the last hurricane. They require to be up to the MLB standards.
- Linda asked what they were putting in there?
- Keith said he don't know because their offices are across the street. The City Manager was discussing that they are going to put the other tennis courts next to the library. They are looking right now that how many they can put over there.
- They are also discussing pickle ball court's new locations.
- A while. And what's been the talk door is pickleball. So now you have people, well why are you putting those in? Where, where to put pickleball courts.
- Luke said only asking for a parking space is not enough, but we need to know what kind of park you want, for example dog park etc.
- Linda said that we had people come to the commission meeting and talk about pickleball. They wanted to have either in City Island at the time or they wanted to use on Derbyshire. But they always said that Derbyshire is used by a lot of kids. I took the time to go there on several different timeframes. I went in the morning, I went in the afternoon, I went in the early evening, and I think I saw one kid playing on those courts. We missed a big opportunity with pickleball here because of that closed-mindedness.
- Keith said that We have free tennis program every Tuesday and Thursday and now they are using youth tennis courts for pickle ball for adults. Last year, we had planned to put four pickleball courts on the south end of the basketball court. It is just the funding which is pending.
- Linda said if we must redo the courts, we should do what residents want and not use concrete again.
- Carol said We should listen to the citizens and go with the citizen's comments and follow through what they are saying. So, we need to go to the meetings and try to give our input and if you need the board's recommendation, we can always vote on it and give a recommendation to the folks ahead of time. We should make a subcommittee soon because there is a lot of planning going on these days.
- Amanda said the subcommittee needs to meet sunshine and it will be like a workshop. The subcommittee dates will be Thursday, 6/20/224 and 6/27/2024 at 9 am-10am.

ADJOURNMENT:

June 13, 2024, 9:53am

Amanda Glugover-Chairperson
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

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Amanda Glugover, Chairperson Date

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