

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

August 8, 2024

9:10 AM

CALL TO ORDER

Amanda Glugover called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.

DEVOTION

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 – Vacant

Zone 6 – DaVita Bonner - Present

At Large – Luke McCoy - Absent

OTHERS PRESENT

Keith Willis – Director of Parks & Recreation Department

Lubna Nisa– Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from July 11, 2024, meeting minutes were approved with one minor change.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Property 2010 Peninsula Drive:**

Amanda talked to Commissioner Monica about the property, and she said that the property is not suitable for the park because it has lots of pipelines like sewage passing through it. David Waller and Brett said that these pipelines are going from the side so that won't be a big issue. Monica mentioned two properties between A1A and Peninsula Drive near Long Street Elementary School where the water tower is situated, it will come down in near future. They are planning to have two parks; one will be the dog park and the other will be the public park.

- **Subcommittee Meetings:**

Amanda requested to schedule subcommittee meeting.

- **Summer Camp 2024:**

Dwayne Murray reported that

- The summer camp ended this past Friday, August the third. During that week we did end of summer bash for all the campsites where they all came out to the Cherry Center. We had multiple inflatables and a water park in the back of the center. We did a complete field day

filled with a cookout for the kids. Also, a dodge ball tournament that we also incorporated the Boys and Girls Club in with our sites as well as the aviation program.

- After that, the next day we had an end of summer field trip to SeaWorld that we were able to take over 200 of our kids all together to SeaWorld on that trip.
- All the sites did a small conclusion on Fridays within each site, kind of what we call a fun Friday, ensure that the kids have popcorn and different refreshments.
- During that last day, we had already been pushing the initiative anyway, but we also were able to pass out information for all of youth and all our camp sites about a backpack giveaway that was conducted here at the Cherry Center on Saturday that week. The city of Daytona Beach partner to make that event happen. Within the first three hours of that event, we were able to easily give out over 300 backpacks by the end of the event. Over a thousand kids benefited from that backpack.
- On that same day, we also had initiative with the Daytona Beach Kiwanis Club, which partnered with our local JC Penny and Large Credit Union to have an event that is entitled threads of Compassion. So, this is the Kiwanis Group, 44th year of providing a back-to-school giveaway in clothing for youth in the community. They sponsor 200 kids in our program on Saturday morning to receive a \$60 JCP JCPenney credit in clothing to provide back school clubs.

NEW BUSSINESS:

Keith Willis Update:

- North Street restroom is finally designed. We've talked about that for a couple years. Purchasing has everything, hopefully in 2025, we can get that started.
- Sunnyland Park playground has been completed. They are going to redo the Basketball courts in August.
- Henry Lee Park and Suburbia Park Basketball courts will be refurbished in early 2025.
- They had finished the restrooms inside of Dickerson Center's main building and the Activity Building restrooms will be done soon. Then we're going to move the counseling on aging back to the it.
- Also, after school is starting August 12th. Fees will be \$900 each child. No registration fee. Registration started last week and seats are limited. Payment plan is available. We also have winter camp and spring camp, Thanksgiving and Christmas break camps with separate fees.

Justin Vallejo updates:

- We had a Doggy Day at Lennox Park on Tuesday which was a good turnout. West Two was out there, they did a nice little story on it that air the same night.
- We have two more events, one of them was on Friday, which is sponsored by commissioner May, it's called End of Summer Splash. It happened at the Campbell Aquatic Center. You'll see that in your city manager's update.
- On Friday night, we have a drive through movie night at Daytona Stadium which is sponsored by commissioner Cantu, which we're doing at the Daytona Stadium. We will be showing Guardians of the Galaxy. It's a family friendly movie.
- We hired a new marketing coordinator, she started last week and so she's helping rebrand everything for us, including our newsletters and website and a lot of our graphics for social media. Her name is Julie Barley, and she started last week.
- The Centennial celebration for Daytona Highlands celebrating hundred years, they're doing a reception at the Museum of Arts and Science.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

1- Rick Brown:

- The property 2010 South Peninsula is definitely viable park. Unfortunately, we have a resident on the south side that encroaches on the property. I'd just like to know if there's any report from our director if there's been anything done to stop that encroachment on the city property. We've had problems in some other areas too.
- It has been stated numerous times, by Mr. Waller and by the Mr. Brett who did the presentation who stated very clearly that clay courts are indeed cheaper to produce. They're also a lot better for the environment. So, we'd like to make sure that the city, especially our mayor, is properly informed, that's the best way to go and that's what the citizens prefer.
- It's also very important that we expand our volleyball courts. I also have some concerns with the concrete walls around it. I'm surprised we don't have more injuries. There's room on City Island to expand with a proper landscaping.
- There was also a request to have access to the restrooms especially in the summertime when the daylight hours are longer and closing at five doesn't seem very right. I understand the reason why, because the influx of homeless people tends to camp there. But at least while people are there, it would be nice if it will be open.
- I haven't seen any progress in the Bridgeport Pipe Heights area. I've requested numerous times that we have to put a fence on the north side to help protect the citizens from the dog attack and the encroachment of the resident on the north side of that area. I would like to see fence there to protect the citizens and to define the city property area.

2- Anita Pologa:

- From City Clerk's Office and will be the new contact for the Board members.
- Provided folder packets to the board members. She said a new flyer is out with a QR code attached to it which shows all the different vacancies. We have about 40 vacancies right now. I'm going to the 21 different boards for filling up those vacancies. I'm attending every board meeting as well as doing walk and talks to many different businesses, working with some commissioners, for example Commissioner Paris is going to do a walk and talk in her district. I am just trying to get more recruits. I know that zone five is vacant right now, we're going to try pushing for that and hopefully we can get some spots flow by your end.
- Ms. Teresa, Ms. Carol and Amanda, they all have their packets. Now you can do it online but if you want to do paper version then you can just drop it off to me, scan it, email it.
- I do not have information about Ethics Training right now, but I'll get that for you, and I'll make sure I'll get an email out by tomorrow. I will make sure not to schedule the training at the time which clashes with other board meetings.

3- Roberto Dini Colo:

- Zone one really needs one park, and the 2010 South Peninsula Drive is a great opportunity for a park. They put a sewer there in 2016 or 2019 but before that and it still has a beautiful waterfall a water pond. Rose Garden is halfway done into a park.
- Sports are the good way to bring people together and make a community stronger. But to do that, we have to have facilities, and the east side of town is really lacking facilities. Just in one year, six tennis courts are taken away from City Island. Two tennis courts and four racket ball courts taken away at the Dickerson Center. The volleyball issue is also big. There are 450 people gathering to play volleyball on one court.
- They used to be clay courts before they were resurfaced in the sixties or seventies. So, for 50 years those courts were clay courts, and the tennis players would like to see that come back in

the form of clay courts. Clay is much better for exercise. It's safer for the joints and extends the lifespan of people that can play on the tennis courts. There used to be probably close to six to 800 recreational and competitive players that played at City Island through the USDA and the GDTL, which are the, the leads that keep the tennis together in this area.

- Keith Willis said that they will expand the Tortuga baseball facility. They're going to expand it and they're going to relocate the tennis courts. We don't know if they're going to put hard courts or clay courts, but they did suggest putting six courts at City Island next to the library.
- Amanda said that in the last meeting we spoke about the clay courts and Monica's aware of the issue she brought up is that location at City Island or behind the library area could easily get flooded out with just like a torrential storm, not even by a hurricane. So maybe that's not the most ideal placement for the courts. They are
- Monica went to the shores and researched how they kept the clay courts going. because Shores have the clay courts, and she felt positive about it.
- There should be an office area there too with the person who helps maintain that work during the day and keep an eye on that restroom and keep homeless people away from them.
- I also agree with the idea of more Volleyball courts.
- We asked David could we raise up the tennis courts in last meeting? Could we make them like high? and he said yes.
- Roberto said there are some 40 hard courts in the city of Daytona Beach, believe it or not. Many of them are associated with schools. They are also public. We have learned over time the clay is just a way to go. Even the college kids, come to Daytona Beach shores to play on clay courts.
- Amanda said that I wanted to address this that Carol found it in our notes that Brett spoke about FEMA, and he said, we have about 1.4 million in damages. We get about 1.2 million back in funds which is 75% of total amount.

4- Francis Chew

- Please let me know about the computer classes offered by the City of Daytona Beach.
- Keith Willis said Meryl Hether is organizing that.
- Linda Smiley said that Computer classes should be held both in daytime and nighttime.

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS:

Linda Smiley:

- I wanted to ask you about you were supposed to talk to Monica about 2010. Amanda replied that she already explained in the beginning of the meeting that she is going to present our letter to the commission.

- She is also going to meet with David Waller and Brett. I'm waiting to hear from her about what is going to happen. They know that Beachside is a massive need. They know about the tennis courts and the volleyball courts, etc.

Theresa Quattrociocchi:

- I just wanted to know, what's going on with the splash Park at Breakers Park? Have they said anything?
- Keith Willis replied that we are still waiting on the grant.

ADJOURNMENT:

August 8, 2024, 9:40 am

Amanda Glugover-Chairperson
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Reviewed by: Amanda E. Glugover 9-12-24
Amanda Glugover, Chairperson Date

Transcribed by: Lubna Nisa, Board Secretary