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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

January 9, 2025

9:07 AM

CALL TO ORDER

Amanda Glugover called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

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 – Mary McCoy-Absent

Zone 6 – DaVita Bonner - Present

At Large – Luke McCoy – Present

OTHERS PRESENT

Keith Willis: Director, Parks and Recreation Department.

Lubna Nisa– Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from November 14, 2025, meeting minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Keith Willis:

- Dickerson Center weight room equipment installation will be discussed in next commission meeting.
- No updates on Baseball.
- Daytona Beach Parks' security is very high. I must talk to Phebe Fuqua from the redevelopment Department about that. We can use a citizen patrol which can be cheaper, which means one or two people drive around the parks to keep an eye on any wrongdoing.
- For the repair of the Rowing Club roof, we pull out the contract, the club is responsible for it not the city, it's in agreement.
- The subcommittee meeting for Lenox Park is scheduled for 1/16/2025 at 9am, conference room of room 165, City Hall Daytona Beach.
- We gave out toys to over 800 kids for Toys for Tots at the Cherry Center. We're going to continue to do it and most probably will take over instead of the Police Department doing it.
- We gave out toys for little kids but didn't have anything for over eleven years old kids.
- SUGGESTION FROM BOARD: We should donate toys or gift cards for older kids as well.
- Derbyshire parking lot is 98% complete.
- The Mayor Fitness challenge kicked off on Tuesday night.
- The MLK Community Health Fair is on Saturday from nine to one.
- We're going to do Farm Share, and feed 300 families.

- Carol made a comment that I am very involved with Volusia Volunteers in Medicine, it's now called Volusia Free Clinic. We have the city behind us and the commissioners that are giving us money. I just would like all of you to reach out to any of your community, we have doctors and nurses and medical people giving free medical care to the low-income folks in our community. We have over a hundred thousand people in Volusia County that fall under the 300% poverty level, if you think about a hundred thousand people in our community who have no healthcare insurance so we're very much like the Jesus Clinic. The Jesus Clinic sees all ages including kids. We only see adults and most of them are working adults that don't have healthcare insurance. Right now, it is only by appointment only.

SUGGESTION BY CAROL: Please, if you have anyone in your area that you know, especially they're contributing to the community about our services.

- Basketball season kicked off Monday night. We have 22 teams and 300 kids. Right now, the kids are playing between six and eight games. They cannot play more games because it will be very expensive to hire more officials at the rate of \$40 approximately. Volunteers' availability is limited as well.
- We have the Georgia versus Florida High School showcase this Sunday at the stadium.
- Cypress and Campbell Pool are going to be closed because the heating coil has broken. We've to order it. So, the swimming teams, if they want to use it, will be free of charge them.
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CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Jean Hardy:

1. What time can we walk in the parks. One day my friend and I were walking in MLK Park at 6am, a police officer asked us to leave.
2. Also, the fence is down in MLK Park due to hurricane at the backside where it separates the houses from the park on Bartley Road. It was leaning a month ago when I was back out there recently. It is all down to the ground now.
3. I've been looking at Park swing equipment, there are no swings for the children.

Keith Willis Replied: We just got money. The playground equipment had been ordered. We took the swings down, it was a hazard, the swings were rusting, we have got new equipment coming in. We will also be going to install exercise equipment in one area. We are making a platform for that.

Rick Brown:

What is the status of the park survey study report?

Keith Willis Replied: David was supposed to be here last month, but we canceled the meeting, he wanted to come but he said he's going to be in a meeting all day. So, we must schedule him. He had all the information for us.

Mr. Brown said that I was anxiously waiting to find out what the status of the tennis courts are, property 2010 and bunch of other things that would be good for the city because of course we have the funds. I am concerned about losing the funds for the tennis courts at some point. I really would like to see that done. I'm listening to you having a nickel and dime on referees for kids' games and yet we throw away millions in some of these projects. I just want to ask where our budgets are, and I know that's not under the board's control.

Keith Willis Replied: Rick, I didn't say we were nickel and dimes. I said the coaches would like more games, but it's so expensive to have the games here.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

Davita Bonner: I felt that the meeting was very productive and short today.

Linda Smiley: Any word on getting new equipment for Schnebly?

Keith Willis Replied: Money is an issue which is not approved due to zoning issues. Also, Schnebly has no room for more equipment. We are painting the Gymnastics Center from inside and repainting new murals.

Linda Smiley: What's going on with Sickler Park? Rick brown said it's a neglected park.

Amanda Glugover: Are we going to put more electronic signs at more locations like International Speedway or Tuscawilla Park? Keith Willis Replied: They are going to investigate it.

Carol Kilian: Is there any update on volleyball courts

Luke McCoy: Is there any update on vacant zone 5. Keith Willis Replied: I think it's been taken care of, and she is supposed to be here in the meeting today.

Theresa Quattrociocchi: What's going on with the security of the parks? Keith Willis Replied: It will be Phebe Fuqua, can come in next meeting.

Theresa Quattrociocchi: said that Lenox Park has some trees tilted and have orange cones around them, they need to be fixed.

ADJOURNMENT:

January 9, 2025 9:45 am

Amanda Glugover-Chairperson
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Reviewed by: Amanda E. Glugover 2-13-25
Amanda Glugover, Chairperson Date

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