

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**April 10, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All

**ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS' PRESENT/ABSENT**

Zone 1 – Amanda Glugover - Present  
Zone 2 – Linda Smiley - Present  
Zone 3 – Theresa Quattrociocchi -Absent  
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 of March 13, 2025, meeting minutes were approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Keith Willis:

- Easter Beach Run-4/19/2025, 7am-1pm.
- Crab and Seafood Festival-4/26/2025, 11am-9pm.
- Midtown Concert-Bo Peep-4/26/2025, 7-9pm Daisy Stocking Park.
- Summer Camp Registration on going/Summer hiring on going. We hired 12 or 13 casual people.
- Queens of the Community, a fashion show-5/3/2025. 1:30am-2pm. Cherry Center.
- We have completed all paperwork and P.O. for Dickerson equipment. It will be delivered in 10 weeks and installed.
- T-Ball-we have 4 teams with 9 kids on each team. We have 3 teams for baseball.
- Aqua Zumba for swim will start 6-3-2025 @ 6:30pm-Cypress Park and its free. They will have 65-70. We will have a sponsor, who will sponsor (Carmen Williamson) another day, which will be Tuesday and Thursday.
- We have just hired a new Recreation Coordinator, Andrew Powell, and a Recreation Specialist, Margie Manley.

Glugover: Rick Brown was brought up from 10 G last meeting and changing the name instead of it being Leisure Services, being Park and Recreation Department.

Willis: Letitia will get a copy for me. There are lots of things that need to be changed.

## **CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

### **Francis Chew:**

You said you hired 12-13 people for Summer Camp. How long before you find out if they pass that test?

Willis: It is out of our hands once HR is sent to DCF.

### **John Nicholson:**

There was a report given to the commission last Wednesday on the state of the leisure services parks for the city. The parks were divided for some unknown reason. The Cherry Center and the Cypress swimming pool are two separates, but they're on the same property. They built a building on that park a hundred feet away, which doesn't make sense to me.

There are certain sports that are no longer played. Bowling, handball, and Shuffleboard were popular but now they are not, so, we should not be building those games in the parks. The question is, what should we be building in our parks? We need bathrooms in Derbyshire.

Also, it listed that the population of 30,000 should have one of those buildings. Midtown area, which has a population of 11,000, has two of those buildings. So, it gives three buildings for about 20,000 people. Why build another one over there? It doesn't make sense. So, if you would please look at that with the idea of population. What do we really need?

Prks and Recreation have empty lots on the beachside. We've got one next to Main Street that's been empty for 20 years and the mayor says we'll never put a park in there, but he won't tell us why. That doesn't make sense.

The whole idea was to buy it for a passive park, keeping all the natural trees. Two months later, Mr. Chism went in and bulldozed all the natural trees. Now a former commissioner, Ms. McCoy, is trying to get a kayak ramp there. There are places up and down the river that have access to kayaks, but it's full of trees and garbage.

Glugover: We did address all of that in the last meetings and minutes. Keith can probably tell you more, but they're looking at all the empty lots on the beachside since we only have one park. I've driven around with Monica, and we've looked at what could be done at each of those places. Master Plan is out and its online.

Board: We didn't see the Master Plan or make suggestions on it before it went online.

Glugover: My suggestion is we all need to call our commissioner for sure and tell them why weren't we are the part of this?

Willis: They want to change Derbyshire Park by putting all the football fields together so that you can watch 2-3 games at one time. The Master Plan will be changed from what you saw four years ago.

### **Justin Vallejo:**

- A couple of events we have coming up:
- Easter Beach Run is next Saturday. We're at about close to 500 signups right now. Hopefully we're going to get a lot more.
- The Crab seafood Festival is on the coming weekend after the Easter Beach Run.
- Midtown Music Concert Series, same day of Seafood festival.
- YAC party, which is our Young Adult Club over at the Schnebly Center, it is for adults with special needs. They have their party or Easter party this Friday.
- Parks Rec Master Plan is now online. It is on both the homepages of the city website under our highlight section, and then it's also on the Parks and Rec homepage. We were told that the city commission approves it to post it online.
- The Tennis Lessons Registration is closed. They do have good turnout, and free lessons every Tuesday at 5:30pm at Derbyshire for kids between 6-15 years old.
- Swim Lessons that are underway as well at Cypress Aquatics Center, Monday through Thursday. Registration is open.

- The Swim league: Registration is open as well.
- The Girls Flag Football: Registration is open. It will be Derbyshire.
- Press Box Towers underway right now over at Sunny Lane Recreation Center. They're finally going vertically. It will be completed in early June. The press box, playground and exercise equipment were approved by the city commission.
- Daytona Beach Gymnastics finished their second competition two weekends ago. They did great. They won a ton of medals over at Orange City. Angie, the coach for gymnastics, was happy about that.
- A new AC chiller was replaced over at the assembly center as well and the AC is fixed.

### **BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS:**

**Linda Smiley**: Whose responsibility would it have been to show us the Maas the board that that was being presented? And give us a chance to look at that before it was pre-presented.

Willis: Each commissioner saw the master plan David and me one on one. Then it went online after the commission meeting the next day.

**Carol Kilian**: If you were at those meetings, it would've been up to you to read through that and bring it to us. Somebody was trying to push something through fast for some reason.

**Linda Smiley**: Four or five years ago, Deanette said that a lot of upgrades were being made at Derbyshire Park, and they were going to be shut down for a while to get these upgrades done.

Willis: she had a real issue at the commission meeting. She said she had been up here five years and complaining but nothing happened.

**Linda Smiley**: She reported at the meetings that things were happening and going on. It seems like every time Dickerson, Cherry and Derbyshire are getting tons of grants and renovations. The pools are constantly being renovated. It seems like every couple of months something's being done over there and yet there's nothing happening in other places.

Willis: We've got playground equipment, added pickleball courts at Schnebly Center, facility has been painted, the restrooms have been renovated there, and the basketball courts have been redone.

**Linda Smiley**: To me, the bathrooms at Schnebly Center looked as old as they had been.

**Luke McCoy**: I played in the Derbyshire building when I was in Highlands Elementary and now, I am 61 years old. They moved it to Derbyshire; it was mold infested. This building is 100 years old. It needs continuous renovations because all we are doing is putting band aid on cancer.

**Linda Smiley**: I went to Stickler Park, and I don't know what was supposed to be there, but there wasn't anything there really. There was some fencing around where it's blocking the docks that are wrecked from the hurricane. And I get that takes time and money to fix that. There is no bench or shade over there. This is a good piece of property and has plenty of space. I will get to my commissioner on that.

Willis: It's a passive park.

**Amanda Glugover**: I always talk about Schnebly Center, and I will keep on doing that because floors still need to be done, Kitchen needs to be more utilizable. It can be a much better rentable place. Are we going to put up a play area for older kids? Is it in the Master Plan? I am very disappointed that we didn't have any say I Master Plan. We all should talk to our commissioners. We should go to the Commission Meeting as a group maybe.

Willis: We are trying to get the grant for Schnebly but it's outside of the Redevelopment Department covering. I don't think Schnebly ranked high enough to be in the Master Plan.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

April 10, 2025, 9:42 am

Amanda Glugover-Chairperson

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

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Amanda Glugover, Chairperson Date

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