

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
June 12, 2025

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 -Absent

Zone 4 – Carol Kilian - Present

Zone 5 – Mary McCoy-Present

Zone 6 – DaVita Bonner - Present

At Large – Luke McCoy – Present

OTHER PRESENT

Keith Willis: Director, Parks and Recreation Department.

Lubna Nisa– Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of June 12, 2025, meeting minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Andrew Powell: New Recreation Co-Ordinator

- I've been working here since October of 1999. Started under Officer Merrick, who ran the PAL Center, did the afterschool and summer camp for about five years with her. When PAL left and Leisure Services took over, I've been under Mr. Willis since then I have been with after-school summer camps. I started working at an open gym and athletics as well. I started to run that YSG facility about eight years ago then I got moved up to this position. Worked at all centers. Love being here. This is where I want to be and really enjoy my job. Now, I manage community Centers. Do staffing for the city events and camps. Arrange volunteers.
- We have Summer Fun at Campbell Pool, 11am-3pm. It's open to everybody. We'll have a DJ. The Fire Department's going to be there; they're going to have a water slide in the grass over here. We'll have some stuff to hand out like little snacks, chips and hot dogs and drinks.
- The difference in this job that I've had before is more responsibility. Just being over all centers instead of just being over at Yvonne Scarlet Golden Center is different but I am very experienced. I've worked at all the sites in the past. I'm about four months now, everything is going well.
- We are trying to get some more programs for the centers. There are some more newer things that are popping up too that we're trying to do, like pickle ball, last week we started on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays here at Dickerson Center and after summer camp we might start doing it at Yvonne Scarlet Golden too. Cherry Center already had it.
- After Summer Camp, it will be played like open Gym.

NEW BUSINESS:

Keith Willis:

- Johanna is back, working at Cherry Center, was in a bad car accident. She was out for three months. She's bringing back the Spanish classes.
- All our summer camps are up and running and are full. We opened registration in April. We did the two payments plan. They can pick the first four weeks or the last five weeks or both and they can pay in full. We should have done it sooner because we've lost so much money and had a lot of delinquent people in the last few years. So, moving forward, this is what we're going to use.
- We told you guys that the last Motown concert was last month at night, and it ended with a bang. During daytime at three to eight, it's too hot. We're not going to bang the bar out anymore because nobody wants drinks at that time. They have the chest, the checkers and them, all the board games out there and line dancing.
- The weight room equipment in Dickerson Center will be installed by next month.
- We've been planning the fourth July parade; it's going to be on the beach side for veterans. The ceremony starts at 9am and the parade starts at 10am and it will go straight down to Main Street.
- Two weekends ago, Commissioner May did the unveiling of Dr. Martin Luther King. So, when you guys leave, walk straight north out there and you'll see the bust of Dr. Martin Luther King out there. That was a small ceremony but a very great turnout.
- Juneteenth was a nightmare because we are still not involved in it, but we are involved in it. The city gives money to them, but then we still get to do things for Juneteenth. So finally, we got the parade stopped where you have more police than you have people watching the parade. But now we're still waiting for insurance for the building, for the museum, insurance for the park. She is trying to get a stage, but she wants to use the city stage, and the city manager doesn't want that since we've already given her a donation. I think it was \$30,000 for that Juneteenth program. The stage that we have taken four staff to put up. You must have one staff member for the entire time. She's still back about 4,000 bucks if she rents the stage. But the issue with our stage is, it is hard to put up on uneven surface. Certain stuff won't come up if it's not level, so we just denied her.
- We ended the T-ball and baseball. They had a small ceremony. The kids were happy. Mary concluded her tennis with a small banquet. Me and Terry Johnson spoke at the banquet. Thank you, Mary, for all you did in bringing that program and I'm glad that we were able to help you. It's very hard to work with volunteers because we don't know when they will leave or don't even show up at the event. But Mary always showed up with husband and daughter.

Mary McCoy:

- We had about 38 kids in that session. We provided awards for the kids. Kids get DHI bucks as an incentive. Some kids don't have good skills; we always give them dollars for skill sets. Those kids that are getting caught doing something positive, finding ways to make sure everybody is inclusive in it. And at the end of the day, they get to use those dollars, and we buy a nice gift. We used to have \$10 gift cards from Wendys. After every session they get at least five or \$6 based on what they've done. We had all types of kids including Black, Mexican, Spanish, white etc.
- The program was free.

- We had very good volunteers, for example, some volunteers were coaches from Sea Breeze, Mainland and Atlantic High Schools. Also, I have Jack who's been a volunteer for 20, 30 years that worked with USTA.
- We try to have at least four sessions in a year.
- we're getting to hire a consultant to come up with another master plan for Derbyshire. They're going to rearrange some stuff and it's going to be a real sports center complex. The commissioner Henry is really pushing it in every commission meeting.
- Some of the fields will be going away. They want to take baseball out of there. They're thinking about putting everything at Bethune point and using more multipurpose fields, soccer fields, splash pads out there. They are planning new restrooms and more parking as well.
- We just had a meeting Monday or Tuesday and then I will be meeting with my staff for programs and what they would like to see out there and what would be needed out there.

Justin Vallejo:

- The newsletter comes out biweekly, usually it's front and back. This past issue we decided to do a four page just because there's so many things going on this summer with Parks and Rec.
- Midtown Sundays and the Summer Splash, which is going to be tomorrow over at the Campbell Aquatics Center.
- We also have summer fun on the run. That's going to be starting at the end of this month as well. It's going to be at four different locations. The first one is on June 18th over at the Pine Haven Apartments.
- Also, gymnastics are going to Nationals next weekend. So, they're going to be competing in their national tournament over at Fort Lauderdale.
- Then we have the Bruce McNorton football camp which is going to be this Friday starting at 5:30 PM over at Derbyshire Street for the kids, it will be free of cost. Bruce Mc Norton used to play in the NFL. He used to be a former NFL Scout. Last year Calvin Johnson was there. So that was cool that the kids got to learn from him as well, a great former NFL player. It's for kids of ages 6- to 19-year-olds.
- Swim lessons are still going on for the kids as well over at the Cypress Aquatics Center. They do change monthly on, on who's what lessons are going to be doing. So, if you want the most accurate information, just go to our website because when you guys are starting, you'll be able to see all the information on there.
- We're going to have a beach safety program on July 29th through the 31st from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM and it's free. Kids are going to be learning first aid CPR. They're going to be able to visit the Volusia County Beach Patrol that's also on our city page, if they want to register for that. They can go to daytonabeach.gov/activities, and they'll be able to register for that as well.
- We have tennis lessons that are starting this summer as well. That's going to be starting June 17th over at Derbyshire.
- We have an indoor pickleball that started here over at the Dickerson Center.
- We have a new line dancing class being offered here at Dickerson as well called Slot and Shuffle.
- We also have free meals that are being offered for kids in Daytona Beach at all community centers.
- We're starting a new podcast for our communications department in which I'm going to be sitting down and having conversations with city staff from all different departments. We're going to be talking about current projects, future projects and really getting to know what's the purpose of their

department and the people behind the departments. We already have a couple episodes out right now, and it's going to be a biweekly podcast. You can subscribe to it as well. It's called DB Unscripted. So, you can go on Spotify apple Podcast, YouTube, even on our website, if you don't use those apps, you can go on our website and the episodes will be on our website as well.

- We had the unveiling over here at James Huger Park for the Dr. MLK bust
- Our gymnastics program also had their 26 annual exhibitions where they basically showcase everything that they've done throughout the year through their gymnastics program.
- We have a storm guide which is like your one stop shop for everything coming up for hurricane season, since it started this month. It's available in the form of printouts and then you can also go on our website and download the digital version.

Keith Willis:

- The summer fun on the run, which he mentioned, is a city manager's initiative. This is where we go to each of the housing projects and bring summer fun to them. could y'all come out and bring some cards because I don't know if y'all getting kids from Pine Haven, Lakeside and the Daytona Garden.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Francis Chew:

Last night I was at the line dancing class, and I heard one of the ladies said that the lady's bathrooms were very bad. I usually check the bathrooms and make sure everything looks okay, even though the maintenance people come.

Willis: He said he will take care of it.

Pierre Lewis:

- I've done yoga, I've done the senior Oasis. I do the weightlifting and do gyms. I can say that it's a top-notch area that you run in Parks and recreations. I use that pool quite often, and have had challenges with the pool, I will say that the staff there is very receptive towards making any changes or improvements at that pool. So, I'm always impressed with the parks and recreation. I like what you're doing. I mentioned it at the city commissioner meeting. I was the chair for the redevelopment board for Midtown and ran the Boys and Girls clubs.
- The only one thing that I'm waiting for is when are you going to get that new equipment for the gym? The other thing that I would think about is that we should look at the high schoolers. the youth that utilize said, but when they have blocks of students say 20 or 30 at one time using the gym, it interferes with our schedule of using the gym. It will be better if they plan certain times for themselves and let us those of us who use the gym on a regular basis. Another thing is that we lock rooms and showers are important for us with the gym. They should be included in the plan.
- We pay for staff to go out and work out at other places somewhere else. I believe that same stuff that's at other facilities should at least have some level of that right here. So, we wouldn't have to pay the citizens tax dollars for them to go somewhere else. They could utilize that same stuff right here. And then you would save the tax dollars by having that accommodation here.

Terry Johnson:

- We're opening Campbell pool next Tuesday, June 16th. We had to get some accommodation with the heat and cooling system. It was down; we had to put a lot of money into it. Our sump pump system was not good. So, we had to replace all that. We had to dig big holes and make sure we replaced everything with the full water.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

Luke McCoy:

I had a couple of young people inquire about lifeguards' opportunities and I couldn't adequately tell them about the specific training. I know they must be certified. It was something through Daytona State training.

Terry Johnson:

- They must go through Daytona State. We used to do it in-house, but we outsource it now to Daytona State. So, they have to do all their training at the facility at Daytona State.
- The program that we're doing is beach camp, that is our feeder program. I started that three years ago. The beach camp is a feeder program for lifeguards. The age should be 16 up. They get CPR training as well. Beach camp is on June 29th. Keith McClaney is the in charge. They have them call the pool and set up a date and time to talk to Mr. Keith. It's online as well. It will be three or four days. We try to hire these kids to keep them around and off the street, keep them motivated.

Mary McCoy:

- Tennis is starting again on the 17th, and they took the sign down and you have the code. I wanted to know, did you all redo the code? Instead of just redoing the sign every time we put a QR code, so we can use the same sign every time and you scan the QR code to give you the updated information. But the sign is gone.

Justin Vallejo:

It's updated.

Amanda Glugover:

What's going on with T-ball or baseball.

Terry Johnson:

Right now, we have only Girls Flag Football in Summer. T-ball and baseball registration starts in January, and we play in April and May every year, it's always in Derbyshire. Then basketball season starts.

Linda Smiley:

What is the Zumba schedule?

Keith Willis:

It's Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30pm.

Davita Bonner:

Some of the college students can volunteer during some of the city programs. What is happening with them?

Terry Johnson:

We do need volunteers, its helpful for us. But Volunteers need to pass background check. We can run the programs and let the volunteers work for us. In this way we don't have to work all the time. If you can help us

anyway, that will be great. If you know any young kid who wants to help with basketball or any other type of activity voluntarily, please send.

Amanda Glugover:

I want to remind board members to meet with your commissioner to talk about the parks plan and really get specific with that. I talked to Monica Paris. She wants to do welcoming things for the sailing club and draw attention to it. If she wants to do it on July 12th, I don't know if Linda, if you're available at all. That's my daughter's birthday and we're going to be out of town, but I told her I'd help her to get it going, but if anybody can go to it from this board she said please let her know. She would really appreciate it. I'll send it to you and maybe you can send it out to everybody if it happens.

Keith Willis:

We already had a meeting with the sailing club about this and Okay, the owner, the dad and the daughter.

ADJOURNMENT:

June 12, 2025, 9:46 am

Amanda Glover-Chairperson

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