

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
July 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-Present

Zone 6 – DaVita Bonner - Absent

At Large – Luke McCoy – Absent

OTHER PRESENT

Keith Willis: Director, Parks and Recreation Department.

Lubna Nisa– Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of July 10, 2025, meeting minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Keith Willis:

- The site for the tennis court was brought up in the meeting. David Waller will come and explain this matter to us.
- We're struggling with our banner contract. We have an issue with the International Speedway Bridge when we did the new contract, he went up on the price because FDOT said you must follow safety rules. He has one or two cones and one person flag which was not and there's a bad accident. So, we're in the process of paying \$500 to put the banners up and \$500 to take them down every time they put them on the bridge. This is the breach of contract. So now we may have to get a whole new contract and put it out for bid again.
- We are talking about the electronic signs at Tusawilla Park, Schnebly Center.

NEW BUSINESS:

Keith Willis:

- We had a 4th of July Veterans Day Parade. It was great, 36 participants from the community came out. It was advertised in the City Manager's update and on social media as well.
- We had the summer funnel run at Dickerson Center last month. We had one at Lakeside Village.

- Quanita May had her summer pool splash for the community at the Campbell pool. That was a great turnout. We had locked the gate to turn some of the kids away because we had too many kids in the pool. We had free ice cream, hot dogs, and drinks and line dancing. Eddra did a great job.
- We have concluded the girls flag football program. It went well. The issue is getting them to Derbyshire park from the different areas.
- We need a feeder system because the girls' basketball in high school is down. I did middle school this year and the girls had to change the rules in between the seasons. They don't know how to play.
- We're meeting with all the middle school coaches and asking them to put their teams in the recreation league, which is two months before they start, once you leave middle school, there's no freshman sports.

Mary McCoy: That's why we started tennis at Mainland. A lot of kids joined the Tennis program, and it was a successful program.

Keith Willis:

- Today is 150th celebration of Mary McLeod Bethune at 10 am.
- Discover Bethune Point Park is a Community Celebration by the Commissioner Paris.
- We have Midtown Sundays at Bay Stockton Park. 3pm-8pm. Food, music, games will be available for all ages.

Justin Vallejo:

- We had Summer Fun on the Run. It's finished now. Great turnout. We've got some good videos, and photos of the kids having a good time with their families. A new thing that we have for social media.
- We started a new thing in our office, we're on neighbors now, which means if you have your Ring Doorbell camera, the app is already in the Ring Doorbell app. It's also a standalone app, so you don't have to have Ring to have the app. You can download the app from the Google Play Store or Apple Store. It's also connected to Blink, which is like the competitor of Ring. So, we just joined that to put out our lot of emergency alerts. A great thing about Ring, and we've been learning a lot about it over the past few weeks, is you don't have to follow. So, we can hit anybody who has an account or ring doorbell camera in the area. We can even target all the people of Daytona Beach. We can do every house or commercial building that's in Daytona Beach and have an account. Also, if we want to just do the beach side, we can do beach side as well. If there's a water main break in Pelican Bay or you know, somewhere on LPGA or wherever we can hit that, there's something in Derbyshire, we can hit Derbyshire, so we can really target specific locations. We're going to be using it a lot for when storms do roll into town or if there's any type of emergency messaging that we must get out.
- We set up a specific account with Ring as a government agency, we have the verification on it, so our algorithm was put out right away. We tested it already with our hurricane storm guides.

We have pretty much finished our Parks and Recreation booklet. We've had some issues with Drone. We need one more shot really of the Midtown Recreation complex. The problem is that we don't have a proper drone, there's new guidelines that you can only use specific drones, and we can't use any drones that were manufactured in China. So, we used to have these D-G-D-J-I drones that were manufactured in China and it's been a lot of going back and forth with finally getting a drone. We are

now waiting to make sure it's insured. Once we get that last photo, the booklet should be good to go. we'll be able to have it printed out.

- Daytona Beach Gymnastics finished up their season with their nationals and two girls qualified for the Junior Olympics, which was big deal for Angie and her crew.
- The Sunnyland Press Box Tower, the roof and framing are scheduled for this week, and it's expected to be finished next month. The first floor is going to be a storage and concession area for the softball team. Second floor would be for the press and the media.
- Volusia County Library and Early Learning Coalition have been going around to all our Summer Camps weekly and working with the kids. For example, the Early Learning Coalition was at Cherry Center yesterday and they read the Magic School Bus where they learned about the water cycle, and they have this learning mobile that comes up on site.
- The Volusia County Library came in last week at the YSG Center where they played animal bingo, which was like an engaging way to help kids learn with animal recognition and, and learn about colors and, and how to follow directions. So, they've been in a good partnership with our summer camp.
- Bruce McDo football camp finished up as well a couple weeks ago, which was cool there. There's big time talent that was out there with, you know, these with free, free football camp for kids including former NFL Hall of Fame as well.
- This month is National Parks and Recreation Month. So basically, we want to promote going out and enjoying the parks.
- Castle Bay, who designed Daisy Stocking Park, won an award from the Florida Planning and Zoning Association for the most outstanding development design excellence.
- Parade was promoted on our social media platforms, our press release that we sent out to the media, it was on radio as well. We had flyers at all our community centers, and we sent them to Main Street. It was on our website with a highlight in the May newsletter. It's also on the digital signs on Cherry right now. We ran an ad on Facebook as well for the Parade.

Carol Kilian: I noticed in the recent employee spotlight was for Vincent Terry. He is, I just want to reiterate, he is one of the good guys, he is very helpful.

Keith Willis:

- The backpack giveaway will be held by the Company working with us for two years at Mainland High School. This is because we have so many rentals in the facilities on the weekend and we are clashing with the commissions because they want the centers open to public. But we can't get ahead of all these repasses, birthday parties, family reunions.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Francis Chew:

On behalf of the Council of Aging, I want to thank the maintenance department for the hard work.

Eddra Way Martin:

Lakeside housing authority is supposed to be doing backpack giveaway at Dickerson. Is it going to be inside or outside.

Keith Willis:

It's outside, behind the activity building on the basketball court.

Eddra Way Martin:

They're going to set up tents. I am also the president of Sexy and Smooth Gliders Inc. Which is a non-profit line dancing organization. My group is here, Ms. Chew and Ms. Anderson. Last year we presented Parks and Recreation with a check for \$400, for any child who needs it, they need help with the last field trip. So, we gave each center a hundred dollars and we would like to present Keith \$400 check again this year as well. I'm going to read the letter. It says dear Mr. Willis, Sexy and Smooth Gliders, Inc, which is a non-profit line dancing organization, would like to present your department with a donation of \$400. This donation is for your summer campers at Sunnyland, Cherry, YSG and Schnebly Recreation Centers, for the children that cannot afford the last field trip to Wonderworks. Sexy and Smooth Gliders, Inc. would like to give each center a hundred dollars to help those campers. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Keith Willis:

We tried to make field trips affordable for everybody and we went on the big field trip only onetime at the end of the Summer Camp. Last year we went to the Sunnyland but this year we are not going there because they don't allow us to bring Lunch for the kids, and not all kids can afford expensive food at the Sea World. We stop at McDonalds on the way home and feed them and it's like \$8 per child. 70% of the kids go on field trips.

Each site goes on their days on field trips but last one, all centers go together on separate buses. It's a big expense as well.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

Mary McLeod:

We are getting ready to end our program, I got to go with Justin because he hasn't put me on there.

He's normally right on it. We went to the commissioner's meeting last month and we asked the commissioners to assist us with some of the business to a different level and we got almost a thousand dollars from each one of the commissioners to assist with that program. We want to make sure that we're going to recognize them at one of the following commissioners' meetings, especially the Parks and Recreation.

Keith Willis:

I want to thank Marry and her husband and daughter for coming out there every Tuesday and doing a great job.

Amanda Glugover:

Keith can you please remind David Waller about the Volleyball Court. Can he come to the next meeting and give us the report?

It's been almost a year now or close to nine months maybe, we ae talking about the tennis courts or Volleyball courts. I think a lot of girls are leaving basketball and heading towards volleyball maybe because

DME has a big program for volleyball. We need to see some progress.

ADJOURNMENT:

July 10, 2025, 9:44 am

Amanda Glugover-Chairperson

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

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Amanda Glugover, Chairperson Date

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