

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
September 11, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Amanda Glugover called the meeting to order at 9:05 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 July 10, 2025, meeting minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Keith Willis:

- Dickerson Center weight room equipment has arrived and installed.
- We lost a great worker, Margie Manely-a candlelight memorial was held for her. Funeral was on September 6, 2025, in Groveland, FL. She had three kids, a son and two daughters.
- Cypress playground equipment has been installed.
- Cypress fitness area is being installed. A person is staying out there, he thinks he's the security guard. Police are going to move him out.
- Summer Camp was successful-new payment plan worked well.
- Senior Oasis kicked off last week.
- Me and my 5 staff members attended FRP conference for the Parks and Recreation Department for the State of Florida last month. I learned that the City of Largo is charging \$120/week and going to increase to \$140/week which is way higher than us. Our fee is \$30/week, basically. This time we give the option of paying either in full (\$270) or in two installments (total of \$315). We have fewer delinquent people this time. If someone has nonpayment issue, then they get red flag in the system which stops them from registering for any future activities until they pay off the balance. Also, the city of Largo keeps their centers open to public during summer Camp hours which not a very safe option in my opinion.
- All community center supervisors have switched to different sites. For example, Sheila runs Dickerson

Center and Lisa Russel runs Schnebly Center. Lisa is a new hire, and she took Margie's old position, a recreation leader. Margie got promoted to a specialist. So, she took her position. Lisa has a background in gymnastics and in after school.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Sunnyland Press Box is 80% complete. The press box is directly behind home plate and then the bleachers go around.
- We have Sunday Funday at Daisy Stockton Park this Sunday.
- Academic All Star Schools Parade is this Saturday at 6pm on Beach Street.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Jerome McCoy:

Can we resurface the courts and redone the linings because lines get faded and the courts floors get slippery after rain. Resurfacing will go long way.

Keith Willis:

We are waiting for the new master plan outcomes, for example they might be moving some of the football fields and putting them together. We resurfaced couple of years ago but that was not very good resurfacing. Instead of ripping the floor, they put an overlay on it and after three, four months it started cracking.

Francis Chew:

Are they going do the 360 videos of the centers for the people who wants to rent?

Keith Willis: They are doing it. They completed Cherry Center. They are trying to make videos while the rooms are set up.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

Carroll Kilian:

Announcement: Volusia Free Clinic has been opened. Volusia Volunteers in Medicine is supported by the city and a few other people. We've been in business for about 15 years, and we changed the name to Volusia Free Clinic a couple of years ago because people will understand that it's a healthcare center for low-income folks in our community. There are over 60,000 people in Volusia County who fall below the poverty level. The 300% federal poverty level, meaning they have no medical, healthcare, no insurance. When they get sick, even if it's a flu or a major sickness, they go to emergency. Our emergency rooms, which cost each of us as citizens, are well over \$25,000 per visit. A local owner gave us an office space for free to use. We do Blood testing for free as well. It's located on the corner of Mason and Bill France. We need donations to cover the expenses of free clinic. We have a retired physician down in Port Orange to give us all her equipment and furniture. So, we have a fully loaded clinic to see people by appointment only. We have several doctors as volunteers. Purely, everybody is volunteer except one paid part-time as an office manager. This clinic is for adults only without Medicare and Medicaid, by appointment only.

Parks and Recreation booklet is online now.

Linda Smiley:

- When are we going to renovate Schnebly's weight room?

Keith Willis: Room is very small and cannot expand so we cannot have more equipment in there.

- Computer classes are not on schedule as shown in the flyer. Went for the class and the instructor was already left.

DaVita Bonner: He has a very different schedule at Bethune Cookman inside and outside the class.

Kofi Zulu: Senior at Bethune Cookman, Major: Computer Science and Business.

The computer classes I teach centered around my BCU class schedule. My first half on Mondays is from 9am to 12:30pm at YSG. Then on Mondays I go back from 5pm to 7pm. Then on Tuesdays I am at the Dickerson Center from 9am to 11am. Then I have a class. After that I go back to the Dickerson Center from 5pm to 7pm. Wednesdays I'm off from teaching the entire day because of my bulk load of classes.

Thursdays, I'm here from 9am to 11am. Fridays I'm at the Schnebly center from 9:30am to 3pm.

I teach basic computer skills. The people who are more skilled also come and we teach them as well. Because the classes are free, not everyone shows up on regular basis and we cannot have consistent attendees that show up every single day due to which I can't put together a course I can teach at different levels on different days. People normally show up one day out the week and the location that they choose is more than likely closer to their home. I do have a lot of people who ask me for help with their phones, iPads. If they bring their own gadgets I can help them, we only have desktops.

I've been informed by Ms. Merrill that we cannot teach people that are involved in their businesses.

Suggestion by Carol Killian: We can update the flyer and make it according to your schedule.

DaVita Bonner:

- We have had some students to volunteer with from student organizations, like PBM. One of the presidents of the organizations came to me a few weeks ago and said that they would like to do more geared towards senior citizens. They were interested in helping seniors such as cleaning etc.
- So, who should I contact for this purpose?

Keith Willis: Andrew Powell.

Amanda Glugover:

- If there's ever any room in the budget, we should renovate Schnebly Center. It has two kitchens out of which one is enough, and the space can be used for something else, like weight room or add more room in bathroom slash locker room. The gymnastics facility is awesome. It's beautiful. Did they end up repainting the inside yet?

Keith Willis: No, we were trying to get somebody to look because we are trying to expand it.

Amanda's Suggestion: Can we invite David Waller. We have so many questions for him about parks.

Keith Willis: We had an emergency; we had six leaks inside of YSG from the rain. We have also dealt with AC problems for 2-3 years. He was busy with that.

Carol's Suggestion: We all should send him our questions ahead of time so that when he comes in the meeting he is prepared.

- Keith Willis: Cherry Center is almost 10 years, and its two phases are still unfinished. Two tennis courts are supposed to be there. The building has no storage room. We have a small room for storage which is not enough. The City manager is asking to open our facilities to public at weekends. I was telling the city manager, do y'all want us to stop renting facilities? It's too many rentals that includes birthday parties, family reunions year out. We must set up for the rentals according to their needs ahead of time. We had to shut Campbell Aquatic Center down partially because of the lifeguard's shortage. Their pay is not enough. They start at \$13. If you have the certification, it will be \$15. So, they can go somewhere else for higher pay.

Carol Killian:

We just don't have enough facilities, and we don't have enough volunteers or enough staff people that we pay, we don't have a center on the east side of town either. So, at some point in time we are going to have a center like this on the east side of town for all those people and we have no money to do that.

DaVita Bonner:

The homecoming parade is coming up, October 25th, starting at 8:30am. We usually have community volunteers as well as students, faculty and staff. If you are interested in participating as a judge or in any other capacity, for example, lining up the people, making sure that the parade is flowing smoothly, putting signs up, please let me know.

Linda Smiley:

- I went to Schnebly Friday before Labor Day weekend, and another lady was there too for Spanish Class. The class got cancelled without any notice. The lady drove from across town to go there. She was very upset.
- How do you inform about Senior Oasis?
- Keith Willis: City Manager's newsletter, commission meetings, community centers billboards, flyers, social media, website, and word of mouth etc.
- I went to Sickler Park last year and the walkway under the bridge was all torn up from the hurricanes. Is it repaired or still torn up? there's no shade or place to sit.
- No news on beachside, zone one park?
- Amanda Glugover:

ADJOURNMENT:

September 11, 2025, 10:02 am
Amanda Glugover-Chairperson
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Reviewed by: Amanda E. Glugover 10-9-25
Amanda Glugover, Chairperson Date

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