

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
November 13, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Amanda Glugover called the meeting to order at 9:07 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 – Present

OTHER PRESENT

Keith Willis: Director, Parks and Recreation Department.

Lubna Nisa– Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of October 9, 2025, meeting minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Keith Willis: We are now going into basketball season-clinics are going on. We have completed another football season. We are now going into basketball season-clinics are going on. City Hall will be conducting Active Threat Training for the City Hall. Parks and Recreation booklets-We are trying to get a company to print. JRBP-60% complete with phase 1– target date to be completed January 30, 2026. Raynard Park-Prices were too high– Need to be revisited. Breaker’s Park-Price is higher than thought- will decrease equipment. Cypress Park Playground-Curbing is complete. Prepping surface for stone and fall zone. November 14 target date to complete. Joe Harris park-Fence P.O. approved. No date yet for installation. City Island Seawall-work will start on Nov.22. City Recreation Center will be coming down any day now. We will meet with Ormond Beach/Holly Hill for Christmas Parade next year to try to switch dates and include them. City Hall will be conducting Active Threat Training for the City Hall. We have completed another football season. Parks and Recreation booklets-We are trying to get a company to print. Jacky Robinson Ball Park 60% complete with phase 1– target date to be completed January 30, 2026. Raynard Park-Prices were too high– Need to be revisited. Breaker’s Park-Price is higher than thought-will decrease equipment. Cypress Park Playground-Curbing is complete. Prepping surface for stone and fall zone. November 14 target date to complete. Joe Harris park-Fence P.O. approved. No date yet for installation. City Island Seawall-work will start on Nov.22. We will meet at Ormond Beach, Holly Hill and Port Orange for Christmas Parade next year to try to switch dates and include them.

We lost one of our employees, Timothy Gatings, who was 33 years old. After working on a game, he didn't show up for work on Sunday and Monday. So, we did a wellbeing check on him and he found himself dead in his house. We're waiting on the autopsy. He did have a roommate or girlfriend, she was unaware of his death as well, That’s why we don't know when he died. Sharonda, Irving and Sheila Priester are no longer with the city who resigned. Both were working at Dickerson Center. Yeah, a couple months.

Julie Varley: The Communications Department-CODB. We're working on filling Justin's position. He was a great asset to the team, we will miss him, but he got an opportunity at Orange City, he will be the one man shop there, he's going to get to do all the communications, and he'll be great at it. I'm sure all of you loved him. He did a good job for Daytona Beach, so he'll do a good job for them as well. So, myself and Jessica, who is the intern in our department, will be filling up for him. We'll try to attend these meetings and continue the communication effort. So, the same newsletters will still be put out, social media will continue as before. The fire creations and working with Keith and the team in Parks and Rec to make it feel like a smooth transition. Hopefully nothing will be lost but give us some grace and keep the communication going, reach out. If you need to reach me, I'm in the city communications department so you can reach me through the office there.

For Parks and Recreation Booklet printing, I'm not entirely sure, but Keith and I can work on that and I'm pulling additional quotes if he's having trouble. We worked on the design and then passed it over to Parks and Recreation Department.

Carol Kilian said she has some connections and she helped in finding out the good printing company. Keith Willia said price is not the issue, it's the size of the booklet which is too big, and printing companies are not accepting it due to the large size. We will try to bring the printed copy to the December meeting.

David Waller: The master plan adopted by our commission early this calendar year has two priorities that were pushed down to us were Rayner Park out of LPGA and Derbyshire Park. So, both of those are in progress within our department, and we've got a proposal for design work for Rayner Park. We've been negotiating with the design consultant for several months now, but we weren't satisfied with the numbers he got back. I expect that to be on a commission agenda sometime in probably the first meeting in December.

Rayner Park will be a passive park. We're envisioning is a small parking lot, restroom, pavilion type of space that you could have small gatherings, and then a long walking path, which will be a spot to exercise or walk your dog, with the gathering spot for family gathering, birthday parties etc. and possibly a small playground, possibly a basketball court, things like that have been talked about, but that will be vetted through the design process. The Rayner Park parcel is maybe 30 acres including all the space at about half of that. There's a lot of wetlands part of what the park will have a larger area, also it will have a large retention pond that will accommodate the drainage needs for the LPGA improvements.

Derbyshire Park is a bigger and expensive project because it's a 28-acre park. We must secure our consulting a little bit differently, so we have an RFP that is advertised right now. We advertised a couple of weeks ago, and we had our kickoff meeting yesterday with the advertisement that will allow us to have a committee, and the committee will select the design consultant. Their bids or proposals are due in first week of December. We'll have a committee meeting sometime in mid-December or January. The consultants will do the presentation in it. we'll bring that to the commission, probably by February, when we'll bring that consultant on board.

Same process will be followed with Rayner Park. There'll be a public meeting with the residents and then a workshop with the commission. It'll give directions on what improvements and changes will be needed at the park. I expect that one will probably be done in a couple of phases because of the size of the project. We had a concept plan that was done as a kind of master look at Derbyshire several years ago, it needs to be reviewed and make sure good decisions are made. We should hamstring the person who did that master planning, exercise with telling them to keep things in place. The tennis and basketball courts are near the end of their surface life, so it is no sense in designing, 10-15-million-dollar project around.

Mary McCoy: Derbyshire has been at work for a very long time, we utilize its tennis courts, now we have transitioned to pickleball. We have about 25 people coming out every Wednesday. So, is it possible for us to just get the lines painted?

David Waller: The future improvements in Derbyshire shouldn't impact on our desire to keep what's there serviceable. I haven't heard concerns about tennis courts. I don't go out there and walk it very often. If we need work to be done at Derbyshire to make sure that they're state labels. We'll take a look. We had the smaller

courts because we petitioned with the city to assist us with the youth tennis, because we have a tennis program, but we can utilize those same courts if we just go ahead and paint them for pickleball program. They're not the same size. marking the course?

The direction we gave to the consultants who are bidding to be part of the Derbyshire design team is that we are not going to reduce tennis, football, and basketball but we're hoping to expand and accommodate soccer if they're able to grow that sport here. The difference between a football field and a soccer field is only a couple of feet, so we will make sure to add room for that. Pickleball has all the chatter and the world of recreation. So, we'll accommodate that in Derbyshire. The design process could take up to a year, and then we got to assemble the funding partners to make it happen. Funding both of those will be a combination of parking impact fees, which we've been saving. But we also want to use those funds as a multiplier against Echo and Racing Rec etc.

Mary McCoy: I'm going to a summit with USDA on Friday, I'm going to bring some information back to the city to see what we can do to partner with them because they were willing to give us \$20,000. toward the Derbyshire courts, longtime ago. So, I'll talk to them to see what we can do to get a partnership with USDA.

David Waller: Sometimes granting partners needs small tweaks in the design that makes the design fundable. It could be as simple as the tennis court which will make the design fundable or in water front project, simply having a step for one little floating dock or adding a bench will make it fundable. Our design team is working with the architects to identify funding sources and make sure that we design a product that will meet the community's needs. We've got about 12 million sitting-in-parking impact fees that won't even do Derbyshire project, but if we can double that with our partners and make 12 million to 24 million, that might work.

Sometimes the granting partners have a limit of funding they provide in a year. So, you must break the project into phases like we broke our Derbyshire project into three phases and then they can give three awards or multi-year awards to carry it through. Phase one must be the big bite because you must do the infrastructure including the drain and parking lots etc. But future phases may include some of the building amenities, for example concessions and some additional restrooms or playgrounds, splash pads, then build the expensive amenity with a future granting opportunity. Those are the two things we're working on that are magic plane dripping.

Amanda Glugover:

1-After removing the sea wall down at the city island park, will there be a room for future volleyball courts there?

David Waller: The sea wall is going to replace the existing seawall locations, that start down at the north end of the library and then wraps all the way around. The sea wall will be the same elevation as one on Beach Street. It's almost two feet taller than the existing one. It's going to give us space to add a trail connection from Orange Avenue around towards the chamber building which gives us the future City Island loop. We've asked the design team who is responsible for the work at Jackie Robinson to hire the landscape architects to look at City Island holistically. There's contingency built into Jackie Robinson funding. If our project stays on budget, they will spend the funds on City Island. We will be looking into adding few volleyball courts in City Island definitely.

We want to compliment city Island with what's done at the Esplanade. Walking situation at City Island Park will be improved. I'm looking for ways to encourage kids and youth to come to City Island, the Playground that's there is tied to the library, and a lot of people don't use it because of the hours of the library. I would like to use City Island as a destination spot where you will go and recreate. The Jackie Robinson Project will leave enough funds left over to get phase one to be completed. Tennis is not the right spot on City Island because of the acres that it takes and water management requirements for drainages an issue with tennis on City Island.

Amanda Glugover: It would be great to have at least two or three courts and office/ restroom area because a lot of transients are there and we could hold tournaments. I know that it's kind of a goal to kind of group things now is what we're trying to do. I like groups. It's a swamped area although we're building a wall, but it's not an ideal place to put tennis there. Instead, volleyball is a better option. Do we have site for future tennis courts. Also, we would like to know what's going on for the beachside.

David Waller: We don't have a site identified downtown for futures tennis courts. We will improve the tennis playability at Schnebly by adding additional courts, turning the courts north south, because they're facing east west right now. We did get notice from FEMA a week ago, they've denied our project for tennis. They've determined that it was an ineligible project, so we get no funding for that. So, any tennis that we make any improvements we do will be funded by the city.

When we went to the commission with the master plan, they were indecisive about what project would be the priority on the East side, so we left that meeting with those two priorities and then the consultants started to bring in the design process. I had identified some parcels on the east side that were undeveloped but would make good parks. We probably need to revisit with our commission to look at the parcels that were identified on the east side. New parks are hard because when you're adding parks, neighbors sometimes are not in favor of having the park as a neighbor, so the undeveloped parcels of city on East side, they'll have to get neighbors on board if the commission decides. Our parks are very central, city has grown, we haven't built any parks. That cycle happens all over Central Florida. Beachside parks are long due and at the priority.

I used to work in the city of Maitland, 20 years ago. They were struggling for the parks too. The land was very expensive, and it was a million bucks an acre. We took over schools, and they built parks on the schools. So, we converted schools to public parks after hours. So, think we're blessed because we have parks.

Carol Kilian: Are those parcels just the empty spaces that are being cleaned off?

David Waller: They're vacant. The two that are on the river are utility crossings. and the water tower site had a water tower, still have a little bit of stuff there. Collins Park is a utility site. It was a utility back when the sea breeze was its hometown. Suburbia was with a water tower there. It has a tank there now, and it's still a very nice park.

Keith Willis: Can you get us a timeline for demolishing the City Island Rec Center and do they have the drawings of what would be coming there?

David Waller: We don't have drawings yet; they're working on that scope right now. It will possibly starts after the completion of phase 2 in that area. The playground is now wrapping up. We're going to make some sidewalk connections and ADA parking spaces back there. Hopefully, next week we'll be able to put kids on the playground. We are cleaning up the walking trails. We just finished up the fall zone improvements at Lenox park. Also, a new shade was installed in place of the damaged one. The backstop at Sunnyland will be fixed and we're adding some netting when there's game, they'll block the parking lot. For Sickler Park, we don't have a contractor on board yet, but it is advertised now. Stairs and ramps at the boardwalk are under construction as well which will increase the pedestrian traffic. It will be 15-20 feet wide boardwalk all the way down to Harvey where it splits into a set of stairs to the beach, one half of it drops into a set of stairs, and the other half wraps around, and walks to the west of Harvey Street.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

John Nicholson:

There are 12 locations on the beach side for parks, four of which are on the river. They could add 14 parking spaces in a heartbeat without costing a lot, put some lines down and you've got 14 additional parking spaces. So when they talk about expenses, from what I understand is that it will costs too much for the improvements, then we've got to maintain them. The idea, we have one park on Beachside means about 15% of the city gets only one park. Secondly, zone one, weighed 40 years to get a park. Zone, one had no park for 40 years. Longstreet is an easy one, but years ago, when Patty Evans was here, we used Longstreet Elementary school as a park. We shared it. Why don't we do that again? All they need to do is put a fence down along their southern border, which opens the field? The churches have land. We could work with them. I would not recommend more than two courts on City Island. We could have eight to ten courts at Bethune point, with parking and bathrooms. We don't have anything for seniors. Tortugas built buildings on City Island, now that's three times the size that they

had planned on. Can we get that building back for our seniors? Because we're the only City without a senior center.

Francis Chew:

I attended Commission meeting; they were talking about the building of the fire department. They will be moving out to someplace else. So that would be something that the community needs to start thinking about what they want over there. The Sexy and Smooth Gliders are going to be donating to the basketball youth.

Robert Rix:

I just want to find out how long it will take to resurface the pickleball courts and when you are going to make more extensive improvements in Derbyshire.

Keith Willis:

The lines on pickleball courts are done.

Terry Johnson:

It takes time for this kind of thing to get approved, financed and executed.

Gwen Torrence:

I am a pickleball player, and my concern is about Derbyshire courts. I've seen the shores and LPGA pickleball courts, all those courts are immaculate. Derbyshire seems to be the left-out ones because the trash always sits there, people just camp out and just party right on the courts. Is there anything the city can do about. I talked to city worker last night and asked him if he can do something about it and he said, "That's not his job". A guy was just laying down there on the bench and I asked him to move. I also noticed that it's a couple of homeless people are camping out there.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

Amanda Glugover:

Keith, can we get a list of the past five years or past 10 years of the recreation centers expenditures? Mainly about the renovations, not the day-to-day expenses. I would like to see the comparison of beachside renovations with the mainland one. I want renovation on both sides equally.

I had brought up last time about disorderly conduct at our meetings and adding something to agenda. Can we vote on its next meeting? If she sends it out to everyone so everyone can read it? It's just about conducting in the meeting. I would like to add it to our agenda each week. They have it at the CRU meetings.

Keith Willis:

It will take time and require us to properly make a request from the public records department.

David Waller:

If you're just looking for projects, we can run some reports for you on the larger ticket items, we have a project number for each and we can run for that. I know a lot of funding has sometimes drives where work gets done. A lot of the smaller parks that we did in the Midtown area, they're eligible for CDBG funds, so we were able to take CDBG funds and match that with racing record. funds. Suburbia and Henry Lee parks didn't have any city funding in them because they were in the zip codes where they gave us access to CDPG funds. So, they were easier targets. That part of town has a lot of small parks. So, when we weren't getting funding from larger projects, we were able to pick off \$100,000 project for CDBG which goes a long way in the small park.

Carol Kilian:

As far as seniors are concerned, is there some way we can just get a list of the senior activities that we do provide?

Mary McCoy:

I just want to reiterate what Amanda was saying as far as equality is concerned about everything being spread over. When you do pull those numbers, you might want to see why they use it is, because I know Derbyshire has the number of people that are being served on that facility. I think it would encompass probably several of the parks and recreations that are around here combined. So, it really is used, and we have a lot of things going on there, all the time. We have been kind of like in need of a lot of support for a long time. So, I'm hoping that it is being distributed evenly based on the number of people that are being served in each one of those areas.

David Waller:

Derbyshire is in my priority since I started here because of the size. We're blessed with a large parcel, we've done some work with maintenance, just trying to make it more usable. We are adding some more spaces for the programs. We paid for the parking lot a year or two ago, just trying to improve the user experience as much as we can with the existing space, but I think once we get through this process, Derbyshire will be the Daytona Central Park. It'll be the destination park.

Derbyshire Park got to be a spot that makes people want to live in the Derbyshire community and hopefully, you, create a desire for owner occupied homes there and making in a spot that's more than a place to go for a tennis program to go play basketball or go play football, that's a spot that you want to go take your family and spend time as a destination. We want to make it a spot that is a central gathering space for that neighborhood.

Luke McCoy:

Born and raised here. Five or eight years might not give you a fair assessment because it takes time to make up, when it was nothing over here before Derbyshire, I grew up in the playgrounds in the area. On beachside, Lenox and Ortona have air-conditioning inside the building and felt blessed to go there from Welch playground, Dickerson and Cypress. We didn't have anything on the west side. So, I understand what you are saying.

Linda Smiley:

I was also born and raised here as well and born over on the other side. and visited the Welch pool all the time. It's one of the places and a few places that my mother would drive us to, was a big loss for what to disappear. I can remember when Schnebly was the Garguilo Center, and before that, it was just a wooden building. I would like to see some more things for seniors because I get a phone call to the different cities and we are really the only city that does not have any kind of designated space for our seniors, which is why we have the senior oasis. Also, how much out of our parks budget now is going to esplanade? The city pays for the maintenance for the esplanade.

David Waller: I believe it is 1.2 million a year for the Esplanade for maintenance, and it comes out of the CRA budget downtown.

Amanda Glugover: Do we have any plans for the fire department Building?

David Waller: The city would retain ownership and would operate as a commercial business. The Tortuga Buildings are going to vacate the building, and they're going to move into the new building in January. I think it's a beautiful building and it's in pretty good shape.

ADJOURNMENT:

November 13, 2025, 10:35 am

Amanda Glugover-Chairperson

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