



City of Palm Coast

Palm Coast
Community Center
305 Palm Coast Pkwy., NE
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Meeting Minutes Leisure Services Advisory Committee

Chair Dennis T. Hurlie
Vice Chair Mary Giraulo
Committee Member Joy Fournier Bingham
Committee Member Stephanie Capehart Cappetta
Committee Member Julius Kwiatkowski
Committee Member Eleanor Milberg
Committee Member Robert Witty

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

5:30 PM

Community Center Room #102

(2nd Wednesday)

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Due to the absence of Chairman Hurlie, Committee Member Kwiatkowski will be Acting Chairperson. Acting Chair Kwiatkowski called the meeting to order at 5:13 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Committee Member Fournier Bingham, Committee Member Kwiatkowski, Committee Member Milberg, and Committee Member Witty

Absent: 3 - Chair Hurlie, Vice Chair Giraulo, and Committee Member Capehart Cappetta

C. MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE LEISURE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Minutes was Approved as presented.

D. DISCUSSION BY PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Director Santangelo reported that construction on Holland Park has begun and is moving along according to schedule. The department is getting ready for summer camp. The Fun in the Sun Summer Camp will run from June 8 to August 7. This year we are also offering specialty camps such as CSI and Firefighter Camp. The Frieda Zamba Pool will be open full time beginning Memorial Day through Labor Day. A variety of special events, activities, Pack the Pool Days and swim lessons are planned for the summer. We will continue the ongoing meetings, senior game day and woodcarvers class at the Community Center through the summer. A line up of special events such as Movies in the Park, Dive-In Movies, Memorial Day service, July 3 Fireworks and Parks and Recreation Month (July) should add to the summer fun. Pickle Ball will begin again in about three weeks after the Belle Terre courts are resurfaced. We plan on lining the courts at Holland Park the same way so that there will be two locations for Pickle Ball. We will be closing the Ralph Carter Park fields over the summer to allow them to "rest". We had some trouble with the lighting at Indian Trails Sports Complex last week; it is supposed to be resolved now. Please call us if you notice the lights on at odd times. Committee Member Milberg asked if there was a move to negotiate with the new

shopping center for a location for events. Director Santangelo stated that while we have not used that location for any community events for some time, it might be a good idea to speak with Island Walk once the construction is completed.

E. REPORT BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF EVENTS OR PROGRAMS ATTENDED

Committee Member Bingham reported that she attended two Pickle Ball games. The game is like tennis with a paddle and whiffle ball. She also attended a Discover Trip to Kanapaha Botanical Gardens. She suggested notifying the attendees a day or so before the trip to inform them what to bring, what to expect for lunch and where to park. Committee Member Witty reported that Relay for Life was held two weeks ago and that it was a very moving event.

F. OLD BUSINESS

CULTURAL ARTS GRANTS

Director Santangelo reported that this year, with two cycles for the Cultural Arts Grants, we funded 10 different organizations. We have tried to simplify the process but also tried to ask some relevant questions regarding the event (s) that would be funded. We are trying to make the application more of what the organization would see if they were going on to other funding sources. In this way they could use the information on other grants. The biggest challenge is the budget page. We might look at "cleaning" that up a little. We plan to have a training session in July and invite all the organizations that have ever submitted a grant, other cultural arts groups and other non-profits. Please let Claudia know if you have a group that is interested and we will add them to the list. We want to make sure that we are reaching everyone that we can reach. Currently we hope to make the application available in July with an August deadline. The Committee will review the applications in September and make their recommendation to City Council. Committee Member Milberg thinks the application is a great improvement over the old form. It appears to be more "comfortable" and less threatening than the old application. Committee Member Witty stated that after reviewing, nothing jumped out at him.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discovering Palm Coast Enhancing access to information about leisure activities in Palm Coast

Committee Member Bingham expressed her concern that residents are not getting the information they need regarding events, activities and programs that are offered in the city and county. She would like to see a central website with easy access that offers this information. The newspapers have limited delivery and do not plan on increasing the number of papers printed (Palm Coast Observer). Director Santangelo agreed that this has been an ongoing problem: making people aware of everything they have access to and activities/events they can attend. We do have a community calendar on our website. Our intent was to try to be a good source for information. The problem is that not all organizations will send their information. We have also initiated handing out surveys at our events and programs in order to obtain more information regarding what programs and events people would like to see offered in the city.

2. Discuss guidelines for a pet memorial program

Director Santangelo stated that we have been asked to consider a pet memorial somewhere within the city. We have discussed this before but did not put anything together. We need to develop guidelines and establish a location. Initially Linear Park was discussed because of the memorial watering station located there. Another suggestion was the new dog park at Holland Park. Please put together your ideas and bring them to our next LSAC meeting so we can review and discuss.

H. DISCUSSION BY COMMITTEE OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Committee Member Kwiatkowski reported that on April 19 The Palm Coast Arts Foundation presented the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra at destination Daytona. It was a successful event. The Foundation has also received a grant and hopes to construct a pavilion at Central Park.

I. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation

J. ADJOURNMENT

Acting Chairman Kwiatkowski called for a motion to adjourn. Committee Member Witty so motioned. Committee Member Milberg seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.