

## **City of Palm Coast**

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# Meeting Minutes Leisure Services Advisory Committee

Chair Mary Giraulo
Committee Member Allen Campbell
Committee Member Bernard Kershner
Committee Member Robert Knapp
Committee Member Donald Kolberg
Committee Member Frank Vignati
Committee Member Jennifer Wright

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

5:30 PM

**City Hall Community Wing** 

(2nd Wednesday)

#### **AMENDED AGENDA**

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

Chair Giraulo called the November 8th meeting of the Leisure Service Advisory Committee to order @ 6:30pm

### B. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 4 - Chair Giraulo, Committee Member Kershner, Committee Member Knapp,

and Committee Member Kolberg

Unexcused: 3 - Committee Member Campbell, Committee Member Vignati, and Committee

Member Wright

#### C. MINUTES

### **1** <u>17-412</u>

MEETING MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2017 LEISURE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

A motion was made by CM Knapp and seconded by CM Kershner that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was adopted by the following vote:

Approved: 4 - Chair Giraulo, Committee Member Kershner, Committee Member Knapp,

and Committee Member Kolberg

Unexcused: 3 - Committee Member Campbell, Committee Member Vignati, and Committee

Member Wright

#### D. OLD BUSINESS

## 2 17-418 SENIOR FOCUS GROUP UPDATE

Mr. Boyer: In preparation for this recap we did send out an email the other day to over 300 email addresses that we had in our database to invite them to this recap meeting as well as actually giving them a copy of the information ahead of time. They will have actually seen this before you have but a lot of it is to update everyone make sure they understand the information so they can come and ask questions verses trying to go back through the presentation and not feel that they were provided with inadequate information. We did have our senior focus group meeting that was monitored and handled through elder source which was the recommendation of this organization and council. I think it was well received we had a great turn out. I think no one can say that we did not have too many seats empty in the building. I think it was a great open discussion. Some of it as we go through were more focusing on the needs now as well of the needs of the future. If you have any questions we will do that towards the end. Before we had the meeting we did discuss as a council to actually go out and find a moderator that could actually do this on a neutral platform. We did reach out to elder source and they worked very closely with us. They helped us in providing some information that would make it a little bit more factual as well as appropriate for the senior group model. They have done it before in the county but this was the first time they are doing it with the City. I think it was a great opportunity for our department as well as for them from a learning capacity. Logistically they use flip charts as well as some other means to collect information. What was nice is everyone's ideas were written down and taken into account. That was referenced in their report of all the different elements they did write down which we will go over here in a little bit. One of the biggest things were some of the areas that weren't necessarily appropriate for the discussion which was for programs. They did make sure that was documented and put on a parking lot so those are things that can be discussed in the future as we continue to grow and be able to provide more opportunities. So just kind of the summary of the feedback and all this was in the document that we have shared with everyone, is a couple focus areas. The first thing as well as yes a facility of nature for specific programs. I think the biggest over lining thing was communication. By the time that you listen to everyone's point of view the first thing started with communication. The next thing was engagement, people want to have opportunities to socialize and be able to provide some form of recreation in their fashion. Then there was a discussion about facility design, not just facility space but also looking at the floor texture looking at slip hazards making sure it's the appropriate equipment. Just the other day we had a nice

young lady that was at game day that had a hard time getting to her car and making sure if there is a walker presented or wheelchair or anything to help assist at times, those are things that I think were also a discussion from a facility standpoint. Meals was a big discussion once again programs and the parking lot items that we will go through here in a minute. The first thing was communication. There were a lot of great ideas, anywhere from a newsletter to a Facebook page to trying to convince Flagler Live to have a senior section. I think this was the biggest focus taken away. There are a lot of people that just didn't necessarily know what currently goes on. There's a lot of duplicate resources either with groups or with in certain areas that I think if we can find a better way to communicate and make sure people are aware of what's going on. There's a lot of people trying to reinvent the wheel that's also going on at the same time at a different location. So communication was a big piece and we have some task list for that which we will go over. The next one is engagement facility design. One of the biggest things was to participate in information booklets to come up with a design for the new center to be appropriate for seniors specifically to non slip flooring, large printed signs, large stalls in the bathroom, so on and so forth in those capacity's that have to do from a facility design aspect. Then there was the discussion of meals that we have taken in to our process on how we are evaluating going forward there was the idea of dining at the facility but also providing opportunity for groups or organizations to go out into the community and either do a luncheon, we currently do a Critics Choice which is dinner at night. Those are all discussions that did take place during the meeting. Then the main focus of what we were trying to get out was programs. Looking at ways where we can provide opportunities for them on a day to day aspect to come socialize, meet new friends meet new people but also feel like there is something for them each and every day. A lot of things we did talk about were card games, health provider, we did discuss a lot of work shops and speakers. I know that we do that but also there are specific elements people are looking more for. Some Adult Ed classes where people are looking to learning a new language some extra opportunities potentially some legal or health clinic support that would be a free service. There were a lot of different things that were brought up that were great points. The end of it was the parking lot discussion and a lot of these things definitely have a lot of value or merit but we also have to find other opportunities or other organizations to partner with for some of these specifically for a neighborhood watch those are great ideas but also could need additional resources other than just the department doing those sort of things as well as an adult day care and those sort of things. The discussion was great a lot of people felt like it was important for them to hear their voice which is why we had the meeting. We did want feedback wither it was positive or negative the biggest thing is as a department we are trying to get to a point where we are very transparent. So with that said there were some recommendations they had at the end. The first one was communication and I think from the standpoint of listening to individuals and other than talking about a specific facility which was a key point and I do want to make sure that, that was well preserved. I do think communication is the second biggest focus that was taken away from the feedback. One of the things that we're actually looking at from an action plan, we're looking to create a senior newsletter. It is something that we are putting in as a performance measure and going to be working with but at the same time we want to have a more open collaborative approach to make sure it provides the needs of the citizens not just what we think needs to be on there. This is going to be an ongoing process that we're going to be reaching out to most likely the same individuals that get our constant contact email unless they sign up for it which we would encourage people to do. I think that will be a huge focal point. We are going to have more senior specific information on the City's Parks and Recreation website. Item number 2 tonight is looking at our new platform for registration that has specific senior and adult programs very easily accessible and identifiable. And also, the

community center, we already have a specific poster board that has a lot of opportunities for flyers, handouts those sort of things, they are actually sitting at the pool office right now waiting for us to be able to hang up in the new community center specifically for information. So we are working on those action plans not going to say we are going to fix all the communication overnight but I do think those are the two main areas where we can hopefully provide more opportunities for the community and a very quick and easy process to provide information. The second recommendation was to develop an advisory group. As we kind of explained, we have the Leisure Services Advisory Group. That's why I specifically invited people to come to this meeting so we can provide that platform that this committee serves as already. We will also work with individual groups for specific areas so we're looking for more programs once again the newsletter it may not necessarily be something that start with LSAC, we may want to work with other groups that are already sharing information, calendars and those sort of things but we did want to focus on utilizing what is already established in the LSAC. The next recommendation was to collaborate with the other agencies which we have already started some of that process. We have met with the Adult Ed education program to talk about some of their future programs. They are looking to hopefully ramp that back up. The school is providing a little more funding for Adult Ed. We also have talked about offering some of their classes in the community center so that way it will be an opportunity that serves both. The Adult Ed as well as the local community because we have the space to provide for them for larger groups larger classes and those sort of things. We have already had a preliminary meeting with the Flagler County Senior Services to talk about programs and we will talk a little more about them specifically in a another action plan but we also have reached out to Daytona State College to look at possibly some education pieces maybe some workshops where someone can come and help with some of the more individual based learning opportunities that some of the people are looking for, wither it was a Spanish class a cooking class or those sort of things. We are going to try to work those things out from that standpoint wither it was a program of cost or a program for free. The next recommendation was to request meals to be provided. This was a big focal point as well. Our action plan is to meet with the Flagler County Senior Services, we are working to try to piggyback off of their current grant that they will be submitting in the next current year for meals. We are looking with working with them to potentially provide the community center as a location for meals that they have already established in their program something else we are working on is trying to reaching out to local restaurants to see if they'd be open to providing a meal either once month or out of variety through the year just to work with the community as well with a give back opportunity and also working with the local churches and food banks as well for potential opportunities. Even if we can get someone to help out each month in these various fashions we hopefully can provide a meal or two each week is the goal. Another recommendation was for staff to participate in age sensitivity training which I think is a great opportunity. We are looking at those training opportunities they aren't necessarily at a wide variety in several locations. So we are working with elder source to either allow them to provide training for our staff or help us to know where to go to get the training that they recommend. They want us to share the report and provide follow up meetings and discussions. As I stated before, before this meeting we did share the report with them from elder source as well as this presentation so everyone did have a chance to be able to look at it. In our action plan we will continue to meet with our senior population in future meetings we do want to have a specific meeting before the new community center opens so everyone is aware of the new programs that are going on and when they'll be going on, time frames, calendars those sort of things we possibly looked at kind of an open house where people can come and tour the facility while we are having the meeting. A lot of it is so they can see where the information is going to be

provided, know what's going on, ask questions and know that everything is going on in a transparent fashion but also providing it to the community as a whole and not necessarily to individual groups or users our whole aspect is our 50,000 population that we have not necessarily the 20 30 people that meet here and there so those are kind of the focusing that we are doing. It was recommended for once again, calendars which we are hoping to put in the newsletter so we can have specific calendars for certain avenues, programs and once again that would be driven by the feedback that we receive from the current citizens that we're excited to hear from. We will continue to do surveys either through Facebook or just face to face. Our new marketing supervisor has been doing feedback at our Food Truck Tuesdays and we have done demographic poles so we will ask certain questions to certain demographics mainly just based off of age right now so that we can gage information because someone over the age of 45 may not be as interested in youth and toddler programs as much as a mother would not be interested in a Medicare workshop or those sort of things. We did try to make sure that those specific questions were to the age range so we can get adequate information. With that said I will answer any questions that you have. Chair Giraulo: Thank you for that thorough overview from what I found on the audio from the meeting it definitely covered the basis and I'm thrilled to hear some of the progress that has been made and the ways that you are responding to the different recommendations. Any thoughts from the rest of the committee? CM Kershner: Alex I have a question for you, how is an item placed in parking lot as opposed to program or active?

Mr. Boyer: If it was something that was specific to an actual program it was listed in the program column. Parking lot was for more if you remember in the meeting there was a specific foundation of which the conversation must go which was creating more senior programs within the community either in a recreational standpoint or at the community center itself so that was the basis of the actual first meeting we had so anything that would fall within the confines with that construct went into the item of programs. Where parking lot came into was not necessarily something that would be housed anywhere within the city it would need a certain element wither a facility is base structure or the idea and a lot of the parking lot items were things that weren't necessarily set up from the standpoint from a city process where we would either seek council approval to move forward to or look for additional avenues and partnerships before we can say "these are things we currently do" anything in the program list are things we can implement within hopefully the next 6 months to a year. CM Kolberg: There's not a lot of conversation here about cost and funding. Mr. Boyer: So that wasn't the discussion. The first thing was to actually gage what the community wants and then from there the goal will be able to look and figure out how our current structure because this meeting took place after our budget was already approved of how we're going to start implementing and processing these things out. In the program standpoint those are the things that we can do within the next 6 months to a year but that might not mean it will fall within this year's fiscal budget because our fiscal year actually ends September 31st. When we look at it from that standpoint we may have funding that we have towards the fall that would reference future opportunities from what the community has said for what they would like us to do. CM Kershner: The providing meals...will that be similar to meals on wheels? Mr. Boyer: This is where we're working with the county first because the way that the grant works is it focuses more on county and state wide process that's why we are going to try to piggyback off it so they would request additional funds in their new grant cycle. We can't apply for it today and start it in a month it is something that we have to go and get accredited for we have to hire additional staffing because in order to do meals on wheels you have to hire additional staffing because ion order to do meals you have to have a nutritionist on staff that approves your menu. Then we have to work with a vendor to provide the food that would be put on that vendor so there would be as he alluded to a much thorough process from a budgeting standpoint or from a program standpoint so that's why we're trying to look at the opportunity to see how we can do it quicker. So that's where our ideas of working with restaurants as well as the churches and food banks because those are things we could work faster on then necessarily getting meals on wheels in here because Palm Coast is part of Flagler County and Flagler County has meals on wheels so our goal is by us bringing more awareness from the city standpoint it's going to allow them to offer more because it is provided to a very limited number of people so our goal is to hopefully add that because if you look at it from a standpoint the City has a much larger population than the county does even though city residents are a part of the county it would hopefully bring awareness to get more additional opportunities and more funding because two entities are requesting it instead of one.CM Kershner: Are we aware of meals on wheels being provided to Palm Coast quantity wise?

Mr. Boyer: I can tell you from our conversation with the Flagler County services that they provide about 250 Meals County wide I was not privilege to where that is in city limits that's just what the county number is that they have in reference it's not something they look into of this is going into this or this section or this limitation where they are a county they look at it from a county perspective.

Chair Giraulo: There wasn't mention but what we talked about at our last meeting that you are expecting to provide programing from at least 10a 2pm Monday Friday? Is that still that plan? I think that's wonderful. It's very important to provide something that's year around and consistent so that's great!

Chair Giraulo: There had been discussion about providing something that is consistent with consistent hours, consistent days and talked about having some flex social time that was mentioned in the meeting.

CM Kershner: At the senior meeting we discussed various ways to get information to seniors. One of the things that were brought up was some type of newsletter or senior advisory letter in your water bill because all of our residents receive a water bill even those out of state. Has anybody looked into that or can we carry that forward? Mr. Boyer: It is an opportunity. The problem is it cannot necessarily be a consistent every month opportunity. The city uses that platform for information other process plus if you look at it the city is also trying to push more from a digital water bill stand point then getting one in the mail so instead of looking at it from the standpoint we want to piggybacking off of something that is being phased out or kind of a dying process we want to create something that will be more focal and more of an opportunity for them to grow and build upon verses trying to use it now for the time being and then turn around and not necessarily have to find another solution in the next couple of years. CM Kolberg: If you're saying that in the future it will be digital then you're already

getting rid of a major cost of creating a newsletter and providing for it digitally. In the water bill you're hoping people will switch over or everyone is hoping people will switch over to this digital water bill.

Mr. Boyer: The other thing is Parks and Rec doesn't control utilities process so we can ask "hey do you care to put this newsletter in?" but it doesn't necessarily mean that it will always because there are other entity's that would ask within the city so it's one of those confines where we could potentially provide it but that also doesn't mean that we can't provide a digital newsletter that's pulled from the website as well that people will know where to find the information and also search for programs and events all at the same location verses getting a newsletter here getting a calendar here we are trying to fine one location to start with so that when we say here is the location to build upon it will provide for the largest quantity of the population at one point and then branch out. CM Kolberg: I'm hoping that becomes something that's already being sent to people rather than a stationary thing that people have to get to. If it's already coming to them

and it's piggybacked that way I think you end up with more success by providing that because there it is for lack of another term, in your face.

Mr. Boyer: I absolutely agree with that. I can probably say, if you ask every person that's attended today how they would find the information it was most likely from our constant contact email. I think that in itself if we can get people to sign up for it or by a friend that saw it and then shared with them.

Chair Giraulo: I think that the committee has made all the comments and desires, we have other items on the agenda but I'm sure we can open for participation.

Public: My name is Kitt Schiller I lived here for 5 years. I don't know anything about the programs that you are talking about. I'm not on the constant contact but I would like to be added. I do think that the water bill isn't a bad idea. Maybe you can put the newsletter in the water bill without putting the whole newsletter in the bill with an "attention seniors".

Mr. Boyer: We can definitely look into that at that the concern is we want to be consistent.

Public: When did you say that you sent out this senior focus letter?

Mr. Boyer: The email that was sent out was sent out either Monday or Tuesday afternoon as soon as we knew we had quorum.

Public: The thing I'm upset about is this meeting you have at night, I don't drive at night but I made sure to make it today and I'm very disappointed. And I think that meetings for seniors should be held during the daylight hours.

Mr. Boyer: The whole focus point of the presentation is this is actually the committee that requested to do the focus group. So it only makes sense to present the information at their business meeting. I'm not saying we shouldn't have other senior meetings during the day. But in order for the first step of presenting the information it needs to be presented at the committee that requested the process.

Public: We make sure our kids are provided for but not seniors. The seniors don't have a voice. The citizens feel like they are not being heard. We appreciate you doing that, putting this committee together but you're going to be under scrutiny. CM Kolberg: I've been listening to this for a while. I'm new on this committee. I feel

like I got involved with this committee because I want to see things done for seniors being a senior. I'm an artist, I see lack of art programs. I have friends that are musicians they see a lack of music programs I have people that are involved in physical activity they see a lack for that for seniors. I feel like that I'm a person that's up here looking to do something. To suddenly have everyone say it never got done before. Ok. I'm here now and I'm looking at this from here forward. And I think this committee is looking at this from here forward. I appreciate that everyone wants a center for seniors a center for children a center for all of this. What you say about lets work together, absolutely. You understand much more than I do of all the money that's been wasted. I'm running here to catch up and will be wasted in the near future. Hopefully not in the far future. I think that's part of what we're about is trying to make sure that does not happen again. I don't know what the last administration did. I really didn't. I'm sorry I'm not educated in the politics of what went on. My politics are what's going on right now. This is what's important. I'm a senior. I don't know if I have tomorrow I only know I have today and I have a group of people that want to do something and I want to do something.

CM Knapp: Alex I have a question for you. How long have you been a director? Mr. Boyer: I have been director for just over a year.

CM Knapp: Ok so a lot of these things that has happened in the past were a prior administration?

Mr. Boyer: I was the director of the community center for  $2 \frac{1}{2}$  months before it was tore down.

CM Knapp: What you're saying is let's give Alex a chance here. Because he's just

starting out and he's doing the best he can like the rest of us. He's not even in the job for a year and 3 months and they tear down the building he's in and move him out to Frieda Zamba.

Public: The community center will only be available from 10a 2pm? 4 hours of programs is not a community center.

Mr. Boyer: It's open for several different things. We have multiple rooms so it doesn't mean we won't have multiple things going on at the same time. Different activities different workshops, several different things.

Public: So 10 2 is that rental times?

Mr. Boyer: There will be rooms that could be available yes.

Public: If I wanted to bring my social group there?

Mr. Boyer: If you want exclusive use yes. If you want to be provided the opportunity for social opportunities that we're trying to provide for you we're not looking necessarily at it from a cost recovery standpoint.

Chair Giraulo: I was wondering Alex, what's the process for the building of the 5 year capital improvement plan? The city has different plans how did those plans get put into place. What's the political process to get things on to that?

Mr. Boyer: Typically the way it works and Denise knows all these things are actually on the parks master plan what it needs is a process to where it actually gets set up for funding. We have to actually do the site action plan. There's got to be a process. As soon as city council says we want to get that on the 10 year capital improvement plan it starts getting funded in some capacity. Very similar to the way the community center was. As most people know this has been a very daunting 8 10 year process. It wasn't hey last year we talked about building a community center and this year we're breaking ground on it. This has been something that has aged over and the original plan was to do a renovation. Looking at the cost standpoint it almost was more cost effective to build a new building and make it more ADA standard. It will actually be the only facility that has a push button for handicap accessible. A lot of those things are if you build it new it's a whole lot easier to structure than trying to rebuild something that's already built. The restrooms are more accessible, wider stalls. I think everyone would agree especially for the women's restrooms because those stalls were not the appropriate size for modern age. We have 27 stalls that will be in the new facility. We had 5 in the old facility. To get back to your question yes it goes to the capital improvement plan of getting funded on the 10 year platform. Once it gets closer to the 5 year and out that's when the true allocation funds start getting funded just like our other facilities. Typically anything that's going to be built is at least a 5 year out process at a minimum.

Chair Giraulo: Okay so there's no way to do it now? It would be a 5 year process. Mr. Boyer: The only way we would be able to do it now is by canceling something that's already been allocated which can be done by city council.

Chair Giraulo: I think it would be helpful to this committee if we can look at the capital improvement plan. So we can see what's ahead of the community center on the docket, a senior center. So we can see wither we can make any recommendations. Public: How much more do you plan on spending on Holland park?

Mr. Boyer: Phase 2 is in the rough estimate of an additional 2 million for the splash pad. Additional lighting because they are changing everything out to LED's and adding permanent pickle ball courts which has been a request from several of our senior population. Adding a pavilion cover in the small dog park because that has been a concern as well. Changing out a lot of the pavilions new restrooms and those sort of things.

Public: How much did phase 1 cost?

Mr. Boyer: I believe phase one was 2.3 I'd have to look I don't have it off the top of my head. Because it was over several of times where it didn't get done on time plus there

was a lot of damages that we actually got money back because the contractor didn't complete the task on a duly time or properly.

Chair Giraulo: I have to say it is an amazing park.

CM Kolberg: Can you define what a senior center is? Is there a specific list of items that constitute a senior center?

Public: A senior center that provides meals on wheels and activities for seniors.

CM Kolberg: You want a center specifically just for seniors?

Public: Yes, Just for seniors.

Public: We don't want anything to do with little kids.

CM Kolberg: What happens the rest of the day and evening? Is it from 8a 8p it's a senior center and no one else can go there? I'm trying to understand what's the difference between a senior center and the community center that's being built? Public: The senior centers that I belong to operate from 8a 4p. They had a director and programs. They offered a newsletter specifically for seniors. They had meals on wheels. They also provided breakfast occasionally and have a social breakfast. They had a commercial kitchen. They put on dances, movies and activities and it was free.

CM Kolberg: Just for seniors?

Public: Yes just for seniors.

Public: Have you been to river house in St. Augustine, their senior center? I suggest

you go visit.

CM Kolberg: How is it funded?

Public: I believe through grants. They charge palm coasters \$100 for membership.

CM Kolberg: I'm just trying to understand so I know what you want.

CM Knapp: Is this actually the proper form for this discussion or should it be a council meeting?

Mr. Boyer: This is actually the appropriate way for them to have a voice through you as a committee making recommendations on the committee's behalf.

#### The Agenda Item was Received and Filed.

## 3 17-419 UPDATE ON PARKS AND RECREATION NEW SOFTWARE

Chair Giraulo: I think this conversation has died down some and we're able to move on to our next agenda item which is update on new parks and recreation software. Mr. Boyer: We are getting ready to launch November 15th our new registration software. In our winter spring timeframe which is January- May. Without planning anything at the new community center we have 57 programs for seniors in our department. If someone wants to go to the website they will be able to go to a specific area or category to find exactly what they're looking for. Once you set up your account you're automatically embedded into our marketing process so if when we send out information we will be able to send out information for a specific program. It's very easy to use and easily accessible.

Chair Giraulo: Any questions about the software? I think it looks amazing. Mr. Boyer: We are actually saving money with this software opposed to our last software. This is actually the 3rd of the cost of our last software.

Chair Giraulo: Any questions about the software? It looks very concise and you get all the information in one look.

#### The Agenda Item was Received and Filed.

## 4 17-420 UPDATE ON CULTURAL ARTS GRANTS

Chair Giraulo: Next item is an update on the cultural arts grants.

Mr. Boyer: Last night it was on the consent agenda and was passed so al the

recommendations that you guys made for the cultural arts grant they were excited for the first time in a long time we actually expended the whole \$30,000. As people are applying we make sure that we are fair to all in our disbursements. The one thing that was discussed is a lot of people only ask for \$3000 not understanding that its only 80% of the max requested. They ask for \$3000 which means they got 24 and that's the process so they need to be asking for \$3800 in order to get the full \$3000. Chair Giraulo: The request I believe if I remember right the guidelines say max of \$3000 or 80% whichever is less so if 80% is less than \$3000 they can't ask for \$3800

there are a couple that may be less well served.

CM Kershner: Since the entire amount has been given out if it wasn't then others are invited were there any standing in line for the extra?

Mr. Boyer: Not this year because we have approved every application.

Chair Giraulo: It's my understanding that if you don't qualify for the initial \$30,000 you cannot put in an application until you can find out if money is available?

Mr. Boyer: That's correct. That was the way that we discussed it last year is we will try to do it on the current standard. The last two years we had to go back out and try to expand it to bring county entities into the conversation knowing it still had to be in city limits.

The Agenda Item was Received and Filed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS** Ε.

#### DIRECTOR'S UPDATE - HOLIDAY EVENTS 17-417 5

Chair Giraulo: Next is an update from the Director on Holiday Events.

Mr. Boyer: Every month is a busy month for us but this an exceptionally busy month as we have 4 major events in 4 weeks. We have our Veterans Day ceremony that we have at Heroes Park. We are running the feet to feast 5K. We have our tree lighting ceremony put on by the rotary club. We have our annual starlight parade and have more applications for floats for the parade this year than last year. We hope you attend and enjoy the festivities.

CM Kershner: I'm a veteran and I don't belong to any organizations with the exception of DAV. I've received quite a few invitations from St. Johns County to participate and none for Flagler since I'm not a member in any of the organizations and I wonder why we don't pursue or veterans here in Flagler County?

Mr. Boyer: I can definitely look into that for you.

The Agenda Item was Received and Filed.

#### DISCUSSION BY COMMITTEE OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA F.

Chair Giraulo: I wanted to make sure to echo everyone's kudos for Alex for engaging the community. That's some hard work that you've done making sure to get everyone in and get the feedback verses the years where no one will show up. I think that you have really turned it around and had a more healthy discussion based format. CM Knapp: I recently took the airboat ride and it's probably the best airboat ride I have taken. I have a few suggestions for the website there's no description of lunch on the discover trips when posted my wife made me say this but her and another friend of hers called and never got a return call and I don't know where it's going or where it's going to and my other question is what the cancellation policy for the trips is? Mr. Boyer: Typically we ask for 72 hour request to get full funding in advance for the trips unless there's an emergency or those sort of things.

CM Knapp: Might be a good idea to add that to the website so people have an idea or know what the cancellation policy is.

#### G. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

N/A

#### H. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted: Matthew Jackson, Recording Secretary