

## **City of Palm Coast**

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# Meeting Minutes Leisure Services Advisory Committee

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

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

Chair Giraulo called the September 27, 2017 meeting of the Leisure Services Advisory Committee to order @ 5:30PM.

## B. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Chair Giraulo, Committee Member Campbell, Committee Member Kershner,

Committee Member Knapp, and Committee Member Vignati

Unexcused: 2 - Committee Member Kolberg, and Committee Member Wright

#### C. MINUTES

1 17-334 MEETING MINUTES OF THE JULY 12, 2017 LEISURE SERVICES

#### ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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:** 5 - Chair Giraulo, Committee Member Campbell, Committee Member

Kershner, Committee Member Knapp, and Committee Member Vignati

Unexcused: 2 - Committee Member Kolberg, and Committee Member Wright

#### D. OLD BUSINESS

#### 2 17-389 DISCUSSION ABOUT CULTURAL ARTS GRANTS

Chair Giraulo: Going to old business we have first the discussion about cultural arts grants and I'm sad to see an empty audience I hoped more organizations could have attended to answer more questions about their application but we will still review them and talk about what we saw. As those of you that have been on the committee before know that we may have a new member or two that may not be familiar with how we go through the cultural arts grants typically we will go through each application one by one and talk a little a bit about what we saw in each one go through any questions that we have and anything that what might affect eligibility but our ultimate goal is to send a slate of eligible grants to city council for approval. So we have a wonderful spread sheet that was put together that you all have in front of you showing the total program cost for each organization their grant eligible expenses the amount allowable based on our cap of 80% or \$3000 and then the grant recommendation that was put forward by the staff. We do have 2 new organizations that have not applied before which I was pleased to see. Palm Coast garden club and the Flagler performing arts academy and many organizations returning which is also wonderful because they do cultural seasons each year and offer a great value to the community a few changed what they are offering in the grant doing new projects to change it up a bit but most of them were repeat seasons. So we will go first to African American Cultural Society. I saw that they did their normal season with their kwanza program the youth program and the also added a traveling exhibit which is really great to see them offering something that will stretch longer through the year for the community. Anybody have any comments about that application?

CM Kershner: I do. I'm sorry that they are not here because the questions that IO have after reading was really addressed to them and the one thing that I wanted to know from them is I don't hear all year long any activities advertised for the club. I don't know where they advertise or what they do to let nonmembers know what's going on and that's what I wanted to know and unfortunately if they were here we could ask them these questions. Without them being here, is it strictly for club members or is this open events that they have?

Mr. Boyer: In order to receive grant funding it has to be open to the public. CM Kershner: Then how do they let the public know? That's my concern. I will say it, I have many African American friends that are members and that's how I know what's going on with the club.

CM Vignati: I normally see their ad in the observer

Chair Giraulo: This is something that comes up in every grant panel that I sit on in my normal day job. Organizations have the constant problem of trying to get the word out about what they do and its noise in the community because there's so many people advertising that it's hard to find but as long as organizations are making an effort because its part of the requirement for the grant is to spend some of the money on

marketing so they have to buy an add somewhere so that is actually followed up with by staff in their final report to make sure they spent money on.

Mr. Boyer: Actually most of the grant is for advertising that's where a lot of the dollars go and supposed to be. Basically the way this works is you would actually approve the idea that they will receive a grant if they meet the stipulation there were groups last year that you approved that did not meet the stipulations so they didn't actually get funding even though you approved it this time last year. They still have to meet the requirements before they are actually issued the money because they have to spend it first, show where they spent it and how and then get reimbursed by the city, it's not just a blind check and then they go off.

CM Kershner: I compared this entry to last years and it is different this year compared to last year so I noticed it's not a copy of last years.

CM Vignati: This particular organization I know is having a fundraiser coming up, they have golf matches open to the public and that is in November, it's going to be at Cypress.

Chair Giraulo: As for advertising, one of the grant requirements my organization puts in for organizations that we fund, they post their event on our calendar, do you require all the events that are granted get on the city calendar?

Mr. Boyer: We do not require but we do offer that as a service if they wish, actually any organization can post on the public website they just need to do so.

Chair Giraulo: It might be good to just add a line saying in the grant guidelines because that's something people don't think about they may have seen it one time and forgot that they should maybe post their events, especially since they are getting city dollars they should be strongly encouraged to add it to the calendar.

CM Vignati: Could we check the spreadsheet? Am I mistaken, that the two columns, the 80% and the grant are using the same figures but the totals doesn't match.

Mr. Boyer: Well actually there is a difference because you're looking at the total program cost and then you're actually looking at what grant dollars are eligible in their expenses so even though it's a \$4000 grant that they are requiring for their cost, if you look at their breakdown because that's one of the things we added last year was the actual financial breakdown their only actually eligible for \$3000 towards what the grant requires and since we have only given 80% max what we recommend is the actually the \$2400 even though their asking for \$3000 for a \$4000 project. So that's why it looks a bit different based off of what they are actually eligible for.

CM Vignati: I'm just curious, the mechanical part, the totals don't add, the numbers in the columns are the same. I don't know what the algorithm is in there.

Chair Giraulo: Between maximum allowable and recommendation is that what you are saying?

CM Vignati: Where it says the 80% of \$3000 maximum allowable, you come up with a total of 246 and the recommendation is 30,000 but the numbers in the column are the same.

Chair Giraulo: Both totals should be the same 246 it might be typed in 30000, in column G21. This chart is so helpful so I am very grateful for the staff for providing it. I'm glad you brought that up because I did not that the 80% cap and the 3,000 cap are advertised differently so in the guidelines it talks about both but on the first page of the application it just says max 3,000 it does not say max 80% of project. I think that should be added to the first page of the application. When a group is putting together an application an application for any grant they are looking for how much to ask for and they often will create a project or a series of projects lumped together and ask for the maximum allowable amount so I think a lot of these groups that are getting \$2400 would have added something to their season in order to get the full amount. If I were applying for a grant that's what I would do and wither or not they should get the full amount is up to the formula but they should have the same advantages as the other

groups so I think it's a little deceiving to have just the cap of \$3000 on the first page of the application so that would really help to add that on the first page.

Mr. Boyer: We can make that adjustment, that's actually something you guys will approve with the next application.

Chair Giraulo: And then we will go on to choral arts society, we will approve all of them in one lump or see if we want to pull anyone out.

CM Campbell: It almost looks like that when the eligibility amount was put out there was worked out that instead of doing 10 apps we are doing 11 because I was understanding that we do 10 but with the numbers the way they work out it gives you an extra \$3000 to give to someone else. Is that the reason that was done?

Mr. Boyer: No the total amount is \$30,000 this is the first time we've actually reached the maximum capacity of the grant.

Chair Girulo: 80% of eligible was something that was put in a few years ago so it has nothing to do with this year but if we had more money asked for then what is available to give away then an extra percentage would be added in there to be able to allocate it across the board because we have done that as well in way past years. 80 % was in the quidelines the year before. I do remember seeing that.

Chair Girulo: Choral Arts Society is applying again for their usual 3 concert series. I didn't really have any comments about this one, anyone else?

Chair Girulo: Then going to City Repertory Theatre, they are applying for their season of 7 shows and I'm particularly excited about their Shakespeare in the park partnership with palm coast arts foundation, seems like a really neat thing to add for the community.

CM Kershner: Is this the one in the old Town Center?

Chair Giraulo: Yes

Chair Girulo: We will go to Community Chorus of Palm Coast- they are asking again for their concert series this is another repeat application. In a couple of these, this is one of them I wasn't sure if the PDF got cut off but I didn't see a lot of support materials some had maybe one item but didn't have programs passed advertisements articles about the organizations events and its really nice to see that type of material included so that we have some concept on how they are seen in the community how they are getting the word out, seeing that city logo that I love to see on all of their advertisements and printing so I was a little disappointed not to see that. Any thoughts about Community Chorus of Palm Coast.

CM Kershner: I think their application was very good. They went in to last year they talk about this year they give all the programs that they are doing this year, to me it was a good application.

Chair Giraulo: Palm Coast United Methodist Church: their concert series. Again, low on the support material and the budget wasn't the request required format, there were a couple that didn't use the form and so just to remind grant applicants that they should always use the forms that are provided with the grant application.

Mr. Boyer: And for those we cannot clearly justify if all the funds that they are requesting meets the requirements so what's on there is what I could picked out of the request not what was in the shape they'd be eligible.

Chair Girulo: Thank you for doing that analysis.

Chair Giraulo: Palm Coast United Methodist Church? Seeing none we will go to Flagler County Art League. Their again doing, last year this was new is Artwork talks with students, bringing in artists that have actually made it into the field and get paid for what they do and talking to students about how they can become professional artists as well. I just love that program. I'm not sure if they are aware but there is a state wide to publicize careers in the arts for young kids and there's actually a website if they were here I'd tell them, to look into that but they included support materials that have a nice booklet for the students who attend with the bios of the artist so it's very neat for

them to see how the artist got to where they are so that's really great. Any other talks about Flagler County Art League?

Chair Girulo: Going to Gargulo art foundation they are asking for a public sculpture garden in the Town Center, their money will all go to advertising the sculpture garden. And I was unsure I wanted to ask wither if council needs to approve the garden itself first is that, no so we can approve this, ok. I've seen many other Cities have sculpture areas in their city, it can be a really great way to get people into downtown and walking. All of these organizations submitted their tax letter that they got from the IRS saying that they are 501C3 nonprofits. You know, that doesn't mean that they are still 501C3 nonprofits because they can lose their status at any time. But I did personally go in and check all their statuses on guide star so all of them are current.

Mr. Boyer: This is actually just a temporary structure. It wouldn't be permanent they are just doing it for a period of time.

Chair Giraulo: Well and they said in the application that the sculptures would eventually be gifted to the city but would they then be put in a different place?

Mr. Boyer: Potentially at that point in time, kind of like at Water Front with those sculptures were there and those sort of things to make more of an idea in the future. Chair Giraulo: Palm Coast Arts Foundation that is doing the Shakespeare in the park as I mentioned. I was also happy to see that the organizations budget is growing its 3 time then it was the year before and I was wondering if that was a bunch of facility's money but I can't ask them because they are not here. I did appreciate that they put in a marketing plan in their supported materials which was very helpful to see which different places they plan to advertise.

Mr. Boyer: Their budget has actually grown because this is actually the funds they are trying to raise for the roof so that's where a lot of that is, is the fundraising and the grants that they are getting for the roof and phase two of their project.

Chair Giraulo: Moving to Flagler Auditorium, they also have a very busy season, many events. They also didn't use the budget form. Something I've noticed on their application as well as some others is that they didn't include the affiliations of their board members which means that we are just seeing a list of names which means if we don't personally know these folks then it doesn't give us any indication of is this a board that has a wide variety of expertise that before they can give advice to this organization and I would like to see companies also added to each board member list, it's just a way for us to say yes this organization has a lot of good help on their board. Any other thoughts about Flagler Auditorium? Questions?

Chair Girulo: Palm Coast Garden Club: is a new organization and they are applying for their spring festival and plant sale which happens in April and they are talking about how the art of gardening and floral design connects with potential opportunities for painting sculpture etc. I've seen other organizations, there's an organization in Winter Park that does a plane air festival in a sculpture garden, if the spring festival is eventually among the sculpture garden there will be great opportunities not just of the natural beauty but also the artistic beauty. Any more questions on the Palm Coast Garden club.

Chair Giraulo: Then the final organization is Flagler Arts Performing Academy, a new organization. I was curious if anyone knows how many performing arts academy's we have in Palm Coast, if they are the only one?

Mr. Boyer: So this is actually part of the school program so it is actually the only one, this is out of FPC and I don't believe Matanzas has one. They utilize the auditorium. I believe the other organizations work with the other nonprofits that we already have in the city.

CM Vignati: And this is different than the one in Bunnell?

Mr. Boyer: This one is actually in FPC. The grant they are asking for is funding for summer camp.

Chair Giraulo: And I also had a question maybe you know Alex, the price was \$250 last year apparently and If granted I wanted to know if they will reduce that or if they are only giving scholarships to some or what the plan was.

Mr. Boyer: That's not in their packet that is something that we will have to determine after the hand in their reimbursement form for us to actually know if they have reached the full \$3000 credit.

Chair Giraulo: \$250 is so high but they are offering a lot for a grant I would expect the entry fee to be less. Maybe it's a couple weeks, how many weeks was it?

Mr. Boyer: I believe it was 6 weeks.

Chair Giraulo: That's more reasonable. \$50 a week or less. They also didn't answer one of the narrative question or it was hard to find their answer for the narrative question and if they were here I would give them the advice to type out each question that is asked and then answer it and then type out the next question and answer it so we can find the information we are looking for because it was very hard to find. They did not answer the part where is asked "why do you need funds"? Any questions about the Flagler Arts Performing Academy?

Chair Giraulo: So we have made it through the slate of applications, any questions before we vote on wither they are eligible to move on to City Council?

CM Kershner: Could we maybe next year put a note in the application that it would be nice if people were here when we go through these to answer questions?

Mr. Boyer: If you remember we had it scheduled during the Wednesday of the hurricane so most people were expecting to attend that one. We do encourage people to attend for that reason to ask questions.

Chair Giraulo: So if there are no other questions or thoughts then we will entertain a motion on the eligibility to move forward to council. All in favor (motion carries).

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

## 3 17-390 ELDER SOURCE - SENIOR FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION

Chair Giraulo: Moving on to the next agenda item, Elder source Mr. Boyer: I believe some of you guys attended the meeting. We did bring elder source per your request which we talked way back in the early spring. I do believe the meeting went very well I think as long as you kept up with the dialog there was a lot of information that was positive for us to take away from. At the same time which I think Bernie may discuss as well, there was a lot of miss information and just not necessarily knowing where the information is. One of the things that they brought up is they should have a committee which ironically they have a committee which is you guys. We do encourage them to attend our meetings to have discussions because a lot of the things they will bring up will go to this committee first before it goes to council. But I think if you really listen to it and listen to the bulk of it the vast majority feels like they can't find the information or know where to look or they can't keep up with the accurate stuff. Palm coast is very unique because for 87,000 people there's no natural local newspaper so if you really want to find a place that is an entry level place that is free and give you the opportunity to promote consistently, I know for us it's somewhere between \$250-\$800 for an add so imagine if you try to keep that up each and every week it does get fairly expensive. There was also a lot of contentment with things that happened throughout the years. Moving in the right direction but maybe crossing some of those governmental boundaries with city, county and state. Chair Giraulo: I've got a long list of things to say but does anyone want to talk first? I know you attended right?

CM Kershner: It was very enlighten, very. Seniors have a numerous and loud voice. I found out many things from the beginning of the meeting to the end. Many of them compared what they left to what they want here. One even came out with the fact that

there were 4 senior centers in their town and we have none. They also use St Augustine to a comparison to what they have to what we should have. Another thing I noticed and I won't say a percentage but there was an awful lot of comments made of things we already have that they knew nothing about. It was almost sorry for me to hear that. There were really some good ideas brought up. They want to know what's going on in town and they said I would like to see a palm coast Facebook section where I can go to Facebook on to palm coast and see that there is a senior volleyball. Even though they can go on our website and see the same thing. They want it dedicated to seniors and not so much that it is dedicated to the whole town "Where's mine? I settled this town! I came here when no one else wanted to come here". Seniors. And that's very true the town was organized by seniors coming in we even went in and found ethnic organizations to come down from the northeast to get people to come here. Another good idea is that they'd like to see something in the water bill that tells them what's going on. They felt that, that way can be away to communicate back and forth. Activity bill board. That was kind of a mention, like where do you put an activity build board? The water tower flashing? I don't know but that's one of the things they did mention. Then I have some comments to make too. Seniors are very well represented. They really wanted to be heard. Their main concern is why don't we have a senior center? What section of the building will be dedicated to us? I do a lot of work for teenagers and they have the exact same comment. Why is there not a teenage center in this town? Where can I go where there is a disc jockey? And maybe down the road I can get a hot dog or a hamburger with 5 guys or maybe my date. Like a lot of towns do because if I don't have that I'm out on the street and I'm looking for something to do. The teenagers have almost the identical request as seniors in this town but the teenagers don't have a voice. There's a big difference there. We have other centers, a tennis center and baseball center we have a soccer center and we even have a dog center but we don't have a senior center. Whatever we do for one group, you're going to leave out another group or we are going to have to do something for all of our groups in this town. I'd hate to think that we finally get a teen center in this town and the seniors say "I've had it" because truly all the groups support this town, we need them all, every one of them. The biggest thing I found out that half the people don't know anything that is going on in this town. Alex how do we tell them that the meeting took place tonight?

Mr. Boyer: So it's actually, once again, on the cities website and meetings that are posted all the time. We actually do an advertisement in the paper making sure people know that there is an announcement each and every time and this one was rescheduled and in the paper. It was a very unique situation some people there truly want to work with us other people want to as Bernie says just have a voice and they don't really understand what's truly provided with them. The first thing that I had to point out to people is the facility in St. Augustine that they reference, do you know what it's called? A community center. If you look it up it is a St. Johns community center. Now it does offer senior programs and it is a more designated facility for that but it is deemed a community center. And if you actually look at the programs that, that place offers compare to what we did offer at the community center, we actually offer more. If you look at the sense that we are going to grow that with the new community center it's as Bernie said they just don't know that it's actually going on or "that's not my program" and I think that's where you get it as "if that's not my program then I want to go somewhere mu program will be. I think it was very enlighten there were more positives to take away then negatives and that is the biggest piece.

CM Vignati: If one of the problems is they want something for them maybe it's a start, you may consider do we have someone in your department who's specifically given that portfolio of seniors?

Mr. Boyer: Yes so we actually have Lauren Johnston who is our supervisor of

community rec her primary focus is senior programs so everything that we actually do for them she schedules, manages and corresponds with them.

Chair Giraulo: As I was listening to the audio I would agree with Alex that there was a lot of positive opportunities from what was said. I was very happy to hear that this community center will have year round programming for the seniors. How many hours of the day will that be?

Mr. Boyer: They way that we are, I'm going to use the word estimating because Until we get closer to the opening there is a lot of partnerships, rentals and recurring groups that we will have to accommodate that were in the old community center first. Our typical idea is to be able to offer some form of service between 10am-2pm Monday through Friday and some on weekends. Wither its game day or knitting and crocheting where you can come and do it yourself with friends. Most people want a place to do an activity and socialize, that was the biggest piece. We are still going to be offering our lunch and lecture series our opportunity with AARP. Those are the things that we have to consider, with the community center being as big as it is it's much more for voting because they take up a lot of space for several weeks at a time we do have AARP hopefully coming back to do tax aid. What's nice is this will allow us with the new facility before when we would do summer camp for example wed have to discontinue it now we have the ability to do summer camp and an element for the seniors. Another thing that we try to get across is we don't focus on the word senior we try to focus on the word adult. As much as we like to put an age or a demographic, if it's 55 and I'm 56 and my spouse is 52 then guess who can't attend because she's not a senior. We try to use the word adult because we also do have some young adults that may be disabled that likes to come and play game day. We do want to make it to where we are providing for a certain age restriction but not limited to an AARP card.

Chair Giraulo: Another thing that they talked about having a senior filter for the calendar or "adults". Maybe because adults, there is a calendar in Orlando that uses the word silver so its silver vibe is what the use to identify the programs for seniors. I know that the city has the ability for anyone to post but in order to help bridge the gap of this information having some staff effort to do a little bit of googling to find the programs that are there in the community. There is a lot of courses like Stanford University but if it were allowed then there is a social component of the class. They also talked about Facebook, also the city's website. It would be good to have a senior page with things that they can do. You can direct people to that page that could be something that the city offers. Once you have a senior resource page then you have the ability to do things like putting an ad on Facebook to offer for that demographic. I mentioned getting information on a calendar, you might tap some of that passion in the room by getting some of them to volunteer to help get information for the resource page or for the calendar, they know things that are happening in their part of the world they can get that information on the website so it's not all on your staff to do these additional things, it might be good resources for you. I know this meeting has been a constant problem on getting the word out about it and I wondered if there was a possibility to run an ad on the city's page about parks and recreation programing if you have an ad such as "got feedback?" or "got an idea for a program? Come to the LSAC meeting"! Just a little footer somewhere that would drive people here so they are aware that's available. Especially if you have a senior's resource page having that there would mean that the seniors would be more interested in coming and giving feedback. Mr. Boyer: Once we get the report back is it will be presented at this meeting so those

that would like to hear the report would have to attend.

Chair Giraulo: And lastly there was a comment about the lack of inability for meals so those that need extra help with food and I was wondering if there is opportunity for the city to be a convener of different service providers and then to have those providers to look at where the gaps might be and work together. Sort of like the sports alliance a

while back when you got all the sports organizations together and had them talk and collaborate on something- getting those meal providers together to say here's churches that offer it, here's the different centers that offer it and how can we get all of them to work so that the city doesn't have to do it all.

Mr. Boyer: The big push and I guess the difference with sports alliance is they are all nonprofit organizations in order for the meal plan process that is actually funded by the county and state funded dollars the city does not receive any food type funding and that's where the disconnect is. For example the community center could be a housing site for food products as long as the county would allow it to be a site using their dollars and those sort of things. Yes we can raise money and we can look to do other things which we are currently looking into now that's where my comment kind of say we have to go between the county and state lines in order to do that but all of that is done by county dollars.

CM Vignati: Originally you had a study that was done some consultant did a study not too long ago, the parks master plan- one of the main points on there from the consultant is that the city should be leveraging county facilities if possible to expand into these programs for instance the library can be used once a week for a senior function they have space, the schools have space. The mahjong ladies in the city know where every available space is. I think we need to be leveraging some of these other aspects out there.

Mr. Boyer: For Food?

CM Vignati: Not for food for space.

Mr. Boyer: Ok I was just making sure because that was the topic of discussion. That's how we got Holland Park that used to be as county facility and that's how some of the other facilities that we have taken over have been county. We do have a partnership with the school we actually utilize the school in the evenings and during non-peak times but the Flagler education foundation heavily uses the school as well for their adult Ed program.

CM Vignati: Talking about the teens when I grew up we had a teen center in the school after hours.

Mr. Boyer: There is actually a teen center in FPC

CM Vignati: These are the things that you want to get out and if you have a dedicated person, a point of contact.

Mr. Boyer: Back in 2009 the city actually had a teen center. I think a lot of it was the city had to give up certain resources during the recession that we are now trying to build back up.

CM Kershner: There were a lot of things that were asked by the seniors, by the way the Elder Source which ran the meeting titled it Flagler county senior focus group so they do use the word senior in all of their line work. There were a lot of things that were asked for that are not city, they are county- and they want palm coast to give it to them. Many people ask for meals on wheels and that's not a city function that's a county function.

Mr. Boyer: That's out in Bunnell. People don't want to go out to Bunnell to participate in it they want it to be 5 minutes from their house.

CM Knapp: I've been listening to all this, the thing that is sticking in my head is first of all I'm considered a senior I guess. The thing that strikes me the most about the seniors is their not going to be happy until we have a building that says senior center on it regardless of how many programs we try to do. I just feel like the most important thing to the seniors in this city that says senior center on it.

Mr. Boyer: And I completely understand that. But how is the building going to operate? This is where it becomes a disconnect because there can be a building at some point in time but who's going to unlock the doors? Who's going to make sure there is something in there? You get a building and then the next thing you're going to want is

furniture, you're going to want games. Another thing is so after 2oclock after everyone goes home in the evening, does it stay vacant? That's the whole idea with the community center, if you come in from 10a-2p we serve that demographic. CM Knapp: I totally agree with the concept of the community center over a senior center specifically it just seems to me it's more important to the seniors that they have a building that says senior center than it is to have 10-2 at the community center or anywhere else.

Kershner: If we sat here and let's say all of us are the commissioners and we voted yes for a building we are talking 5 years down the road and what do we do in the meantime for them? And that's what we have to do now because there isn't a building 5 years down the road and when there is its going to be 5 years from now, 5 years down the road because there is nothing in the plans for that. We have to do something now and not only for the seniors but for all of our groups. We did it for baseball and sports and dogs and things like that and we have left out 2 of the most important aspects of the town, seniors and kids.

CM Knapp: I think the teens have a little bit of a fallback position in that, they are all going to high school and the high school is running programs for these teens that probably if they wanted to join or be a part of they can so at least they are getting a little bit and I'm sure the seniors are getting as much as we can give them right now but they want a center that says senior center on it.

Mr. Boyer: With the community center being under renovations the hardest part is it was the largest facility in the city for activities for any group. So for it being down for almost a year it really has put a damper on a lot of peoples thought process on what can be provided in the community. The community center was almost the same size as the public place here at city hall, it was the biggest city facility that we had open to the public and when you lose that opportunity like you said there's a huge disconnect in what people feel is being provided for them at this time.

CM Knapp: I'm a part of the group that got displaced and we're looking forward to getting back to the community center. We are doing well at the racquet club but we are looking forward to getting back to the community center.

Mr. Boyer: We are excited to have you guys back. Something I just want to share with you guys is actually a couple things that you guys have mentioned you know a calendar or program guide so this is actually found on our website. We actually have a printed copy that you can swing by and pick up at our office at any time. It actually has all of the activities, programs and it is actually advertised as adult and senior programs just so everyone knows what's going on with our fall programs. One of the biggest things that kind of caught on from our mayor challenge is we actually started nature walks. Once again is just an opportunity for socialization and a little bit of activity that we do with a tour guide as well throughout the fall. We have been trying to do a little bit more and it's fairly extensive of all the things that we do while we don't have the community center. These are the areas where we are trying to push people for the information not because we can't try other things but this is where it's a whole lot easier because as you said if we have a senior location this will actually be that place to where everyone know and if you remember we're actually getting ready to roll out new software for registration that will actually have a seniors tab specifically for these programs so if anyone ever wants to go to see what's available just for my "silver" generation they can look for it right then and there for that category.

CM Vignati: I don't think you need a physical just a virtual.

Mr. Boyer: We do make printed copies just in case.

CM Vignati: If there was a specific list that you just blast out in an email for those that have computers.

Mr. Boyer: We have been using our constant contact account and if you've done any programs with us in the last 2 years we do have your email on file. When we have a

lunch and lecture series we do send an email to remind people if they'd like to sign up and we do it 5 days out because that's normally the window of time people will resonate or see the information before it passes. Any time before it is too soon and any time later is not enough time. So we do try to do that within a 5 day increment just to give everyone a period of time to be aware of the next thing.

Chair Giraulo: I would come back to having a specific resource page because there are organizations that are offering programs that you don't offer that might fill a gap of what they are saying "the city doesn't offer this" but it's being offered in 3 different places in our community. So you can share that information for them so they know where to go. If you can't get organizations to post on your calendar you can just list the links to their website of the different places where seniors can find programming. That would be a simply way, quick and easy to make sure that, that's covered.

Chair Giraulo: What is the next step? You said there is going to be a second meeting?

Mr. Boyer: The next step is to present the findings of the meeting at the next LSAC meeting possibly with kind of answering some of the questions so for example it would reference "they need a senior committee" well that's what you guys are. So trying to take some of the references so when we post it people kind of know where some of these answers are with our findings so that way we can direct them more to these meetings. I think also as we will start increasing the agenda items that's going to attract more people to come and talk about things. If you look at the agenda and it's not anything I want to talk about I'm probably not going to show up. So those are some of the things when we start talking about the price plan for the new parks and rec price plan that comes here first then goes to city council. You may have people that will then at that point in time would want to come and talk about it first so when you make recommendations it's shared with city council before it goes to them. There are different avenues but a lot of the talking points will have to be available for people to want to come talk about.

CM Kershner: Tonight is the meeting of the Palm Coast Charter review, it happened to fallen a night that we are here. There is going to be 4 of them. I got a listing because I attended some of the functions here in palm coast and I don't know how you would find out about that. Does anyone know if the charter is being reviewed?

Mr. Boyer: That would be a question for the city clerk I do know that it has been on Facebook as well as some of the newspapers. It would be very similar to where the city council meetings and all those things are posted because it is deemed a special workshop.

CM Kershner: I think we should be attending something like that because it's going to affect us here at this meeting. There is three more and it's being held at the various schools in town.

The Agenda Item was Received and Filed.

#### E. NEW BUSINESS

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

CM Campbell: One comment- My wife and I went down to Holland Park and took our two dogs. You really did a good job on that. The dogs enjoyed and we did to. It's really a nice job and you have to be proud even though it took as long as it did.

Mr. Boyer: Thank you. CM Knapp: I second that.

CM Campbell: I like that you separate the big dogs from the smaller dogs

CM Vignati: I went by the basketball courts a couple weeks ago and there were about

30 guys there. It's getting a lot of play.

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

No public participation.

#### H. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42PM.

Respectfully submitted: Matthew Jackson, Recording Secretary