

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

August 9, 2022

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was held at the Recreation & Aquatic Center and called to order at 7:05am on Tuesday, August 9, 2022. Board Members Carolyn Marlowe, Dana Suiters, Rob Oman, Chairman Dave Schrader, and staff liaison Terri Moore were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- The May 10, 2022 minutes were unanimously approved. (There was no quorum in June, and no meeting in July.)

OLD BUSINESS:

- Introduction to Terri Moore – Terri explained her background and experience to all present.
- Parks & Recreation Month – July – This is something we want to celebrate each year. This year, we had a Proclamation read, a Member Appreciation Day, a Parks & Recreation Staff Appreciation Day, two Popsicles-in-the-Park days, and more. The Hot Dog Eating Contest has been pushed out to be held at the End of Summer Spectacular Event on September 3rd, 2022.
- Summer Camp – Camp went very well; it was full with 125 registered for each of the seven weeks, and 70 children on the waiting list. The report is pending. Going forward, we would like to look at ways to move some of those children off of the waiting list.
- Personnel – Update – Recreation Marketing position is vacant; Recreation Leader positions have been filled; the Shuttle Driver we had resigned, but a new employee has been hired. The City Marketing person has also resigned.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Next Meeting Location? – Since there have been some changes and improvements at Frances Avenue Park over the past year, it was decided that the next P & R Advisory Board meeting will be held there. (September 13, 2022)

- Advisory Board Member Renewals – Rob Oman and Dana Suiters terms are up for renewal. (Donna will send each of them a renewal application.) All Advisory Board members discussed having the by-laws changed to allow some Out-of-City residents (but Pasco County residents) to be able to serve on the Board (as Members). All voted in favor of this recommendation.
- Downtown Shuttle Drivers (DART) – The second golf cart shuttle is operating and we are working with the City Manager to put together a second route. At slower times only one may be running. Both will be operating during events. Suggestions from the Advisory Board were: 1. Have more stops, 2. Expand the route, 3. Go to all the City Parks, 4. Include a stop at City Hall/Library, 5. Go to the RAC
- Restroom Project at RAC – There were no BIDs received last year. The project is going back out to BID now. All three restrooms will be completely renovated; it is expected to take 120 days for completion. The project is expected to be done during the winter months. Some portable showers and restrooms will be installed for temporary use during the project.
- Budget & CIP Projects (2022-2023) – There is a new Recreation Supervisor III position in the budget. This position was designed to fill the gaps for successful planning. There is also an Aquatics Coordinator position to give support to the Aquatics Manager, especially during the summer months, and to assist with training and oversight for Swim Lessons. CIP Projects include replacing the shade canopies on the pool deck, making improvements to the mulch and rope areas, painting the Gymnasium, re-surfacing two of the pools, replacing some of the fitness equipment, re-surfacing the outdoor basketball courts, and refurbishing the Gymnasium floor.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Kids Night Out – August 13, 2022 at the RAC Pools
- Family Movie Night – August 20, 2022 at Sims Park: “Luca” at 8pm
- End of Summer Spectacular (September 3rd, 2022) – Inflatables, Hot Dog Eating Contest, Movie “Sing 2”. *(Volunteers are needed for the event from 4:30-8pm.)
- Open Holiday Hours – Labor Day (September 5, 2022): 10am-5pm
- Cotee River Clean-up – September 17, 2022 – Meet at the Sims Park Boat Ramp at 8:30am.
- Concert at Sims Park – September 17, 2022: 7-8:30pm. Are Golf Carts going to be permitted in the park during the concert? There is a safety concern during and right after the concert. (Donna will email which band is playing at the concert on September 17.)

VOX POP:

Everyone agrees that more Board Members are needed. How many new Memberships were sold during the summer?

The fee schedule is being reviewed, and some changes have been proposed by Recreation & Aquatics staff. Let's talk more about a cost-recovery program at the September meeting.

The next meeting will be at Frances Avenue Park on September 13, 2022 at 7am. If anyone is able to volunteer at the September 3rd event, please let Donna know.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40am.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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