

# **PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**April 9, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was held at the Recreation & Aquatic Center and called to order at 7:00am on Tuesday, April 9, 2024. Board Members Chairman David Schrader, Carolyn Marlowe, Rob Oman, Launi Schmutz-Harden and Stephen Blanchard were in attendance. Bertell Butler was not in attendance due to the Municipal Election being held.

## **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- The February 13, 2024 minutes were unanimously approved. There was no quorum on March 12, 2024

## **2. OLD BUSINESS**

- Advisory Board members recruitment  
Two potential members, Tad Clemons and Kevin Robinson, were brought to the meeting and introduced. Staff still has not had anyone express interest in becoming a board member. Board members will continue to work on finding potential new members.

## **3. NEW BUSINESS**

- Project Updates  
The locker room renovation project will take approximately 3 months for the entire job to be done. The men's locker room is being done first, followed by the family locker room and the women's locker room will be completed last.  
The turf project in Sims Park is progressing as planned and will be done before the end of the month.  
Meadows Dog Park construction is complete and information on a ribbon cutting event will be coming out shortly.
- Citizens Academy  
The Recreation and Aquatics Center hosted the Academy on April 3, 2024. Fourteen people were in attendance and our staff provided information on the Recreation Center and Aquatics area and gave a tour of the facility

- City of new Port Richey 2024 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner  
The event will be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at the Spartan Manor event center.
- March event wrap-ups
  - March 16<sup>th</sup>- Special Olympics 5K  
A fundraiser for Special Olympics held here at the facility through the Chasco fiesta. They had about 100 total runners this year.
  - March 23<sup>rd</sup>- Chasco Street Parade  
The theme was Rock and Roll and department staff designed and built the float.
  - March 25<sup>th</sup> – March 29<sup>th</sup> (Spring Break Camp)  
We had 40 campers sign up. This is 15 more than last year. We split up into two groups (5-8 & 9-12) and rotated throughout the facility. We used the pools, playground, gym, palm room, and oak room for activities throughout the day. The camp took a field trip to Astro Skate.
  - March 30<sup>th</sup>- Spring Fling Event  
Our annual easter event. We had the egg hunt broken up into 4 different age brackets, bounce houses, pictures with the easter bunny, food vendors, 1 craft activity booth, 1 game activity booth, the library, and a petting zoo at this event. The event was free to everyone. We had roughly 2,000 people at the event.
  - April 4<sup>th</sup>- Citizens Academy  
Spoke about the facility and park updates, both aquatic and recreation information, and gave a tour of the facility. Had 19 people sign up for this academy.
  - April 6<sup>th</sup>- Kids Night Out  
The theme was Dinosaur for this month's KNO. Parents drop their kids off for a night of dinosaur themed games, activities and crafts. We had 40 kids attend this one.
  - Basketball League updates  
The youth Basketball League has 3 weeks remaining.  
The Adult Basketball has 4 weeks remaining.

#### 4. **UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS/REC PROGRAMS/LEAGUES**

Staff provided a general overview of the upcoming events.

- Concert in the Park (Blues Brothers & Tina Turner Tribute – Rock Review)  
– Sat., Apr. 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm-8:30pm, Sims Park
- Concert in the Park (“All Fired Up”) – Sat., May 25<sup>th</sup>, 7pm-9pm, Sims Park
- Kids Night Out – Sat., May 25<sup>th</sup>, 6pm-9pm, Rec & Aquatic Center
- Kids Fishing Tournament – Sat., May 25<sup>th</sup>, Sims Park
- Summer Pool Schedule – Sat., May 25<sup>th</sup> (All Pools Open, Mon-Sun)

- First Day of Summer Camp – Tues., May 28<sup>th</sup>
- Rap River Run – Sat., June 8<sup>th</sup>, Sims Park
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Event – Sat. June 29<sup>th</sup>, Sims Parks & Orange Lake

Chairman Schrader thanked both Tad Clemons and Kevin Robinson for coming to the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:28am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Krista J. Schiano