

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 18, 2024

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was held at the Recreation & Aquatic Center and called to order at 5:30pm on Wednesday, September 18, 2024. Board Members Chairman David Schrader, Rob Oman, Tad Clements and [REDACTED] were in attendance. Stephen Blanchard was not in attendance.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The August 13, 2024 minutes were unanimously approved.

2. OLD BUSINESS

- City of New Port Richey Centennial Celebration
Dave discussed the weekend activities and gave details of the events. Volunteers are needed. A car show will be held on September 28th, along with two other events. For more information, the website is 100NPR.org.
- Dogs in the Parks: follow-up
Information was being presented at the request of Stephen and because he was not present, the topic is tabled until the next meeting.
- RAC Staffing Update
Fitness and Aquatics both still have positions open. Two new PT positions have been requested.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- Holiday events overview
The Light up the Night event will occur on Friday, December 6th. The Boat Parade will be on Saturday, December 7th and the Street Parade will be on Saturday, December 14th. More details will follow once planning has begun.
- Scholarship program discussion
[REDACTED] asked whether or not the scholarship program should be expanded, such as including the summer camp. Everyone agreed there should be further discussion and more details will be proposed in a future meeting.

- Project updates list
The locker room renovation project is just about complete. The shade canopies out on the pool deck are going to be replaced and poles will be painted
- Summer camp wrap-up
The camp was a success with 11 weeks of creating memories. This year brought in approximately \$115,000.00 gross revenue and had an average of 125 kids attend per week.
- August event wrap-ups
The paddle trip for the Centennial Celebration was a success. Approximately 30 to 40 people participated. Kids Night Out was held and had 36 kids in attendance. The End of Summer Spectacular was well attended with approximately 1,000 people.

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

Staff provided a general overview of the upcoming events.

- Concerts in the Park – Sat., Sept. 14th (Santana), Fri., Oct. 18th (Prince), Sat., Nov. 23rd (Taylor Swift), 7:00pm, Sims Park
It was mentioned that when the concerts let out, it's quite chaotic on Main Street. Right by Beef O' Brady's the crossing gets extremely hectic
- Gameshow Night at the Rec (Centennial themed) – Fri., Sept. 20th, 6:00pm-8:00pm, Rec & Aquatic Center
- Cotee River Clean-up – Sat., Sept. 21st, 8:30am-11:00am
- Stronger Together Walk – Sat., Sept. 21st, 10:00am-1:00pm, Sims Park
- Walk to End Alzheimer's – Sat., Sept 28th, 9:00am-12:30pm, Sims Park & Orange Lake
- Oktoberfest – Sat., Sept. 28th, 3:00pm-11:00pm, Commons on Grand
- Cotee River Bike Fest – Fri., Oct. 11th through Sun., Oct. 13th, Sims Park & Downtown
- Halloween Dance – Sat., Oct 12th, 5:00pm – 8:00pm, Rec & Aquatic Center
- One Community Now Pack the Park Event – Sat., Oct. 19th, 10:00am – 3:00pm, Sims Park & Orange Lake
- Centennial Celebration Weekend – Fri., Oct. 25th through Sun., Oct. 27th
- Light up the Night – Fri., Dec. 6th, Time: TBD, Sims Park
- Holiday Street Parade – Sat., Dec 14th, 6pm, Downtown NPR
- Adult Basketball League Season – Aug. 28th – Oct. 30th

- Youth Basketball League Season – Sept. 14th – Nov. 16th, ages 8-15

The meeting adjourned at 6:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Krista J. Schiano