

**NEW PORT RICHEY PARKS & RECREATION
DEPARTMENT**

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING

December 8, 2015

7:30 a.m.

AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- November 10, 2015

2. OLD BUSINESS

- Video Boards for Sims Park
- Sims Park Grand Opening Planning Committee
- Coteeman Triathlon

3. NEW BUSINESS

- Photo for Holiday Card
- New Board Member

4. SPECIAL EVENTS

- Boat Parade - December 5th
- Street Parade - December 12th
- Family Movie Night - December 19th

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

November 10, 2015

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2015. Board Members Dave Schrader, Joy Phillips, Carolyn Marlowe, Bob Smallwood, Justin Billings, Greg Giordano, and staff liaison Elaine Smith were in attendance. The October meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Review of Day Care Operating Procedures from October Meeting - It is not too late to offer suggestions regarding Day Care at the RAC. We would like to offer the service at no extra cost for members. There are going to be a limited number of Pack n' Plays available for infants. Cost of pagers and other equipment needed for Day Care has been researched.
- Master Plan - List of Park Amenities - Donna is working on putting together a Proposal Form. A Consultant Firm will be selected first then the P & R Advisory Board will be involved with inputting ideas. Some ideas already presented are: more play equipment at Frances Ave Park for younger children & adding more shade at the Meadows Dog Park.
- Zombie Fun Run - Event went very well; there were 96 participants and the parents were very happy with it. Some parents expressed that they want to volunteer to help next time. We may try to have some high school aged children involved next year.
- Trunk or Treat - Event was held at the RAC this year; outside and in the gymnasium, with the movie in the gymnasium afterwards; had around 2,000 participants. Going to review how we can improve certain things if we have the event at the RAC again: parking, ADA, etc.
- Puppy Paddle - There were 116 dogs, a costume contest, and lots of people that attended; a very good event.
- A Walk in Time with City Council event - Matt Roza spent a lot of time planning and preparing; met with Suncoast Richey Theatre group (dressed in period attire for event and put on a short presentation), Ed Isaloney regarding the Hacienda, the Historical Society staff, Jeff Miller regarding the Monument at Orange Lake, and others about the history of

RR Square. The groups started at RR Square and spent about 10 minutes at each area; gave out 150 shirts and water bottles; tried to notify downtown restaurants that offer breakfast, but none were willing to give a discount. Another "Walk" is already being planned.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Sims Grand Opening Committee - All P & R Advisory Board Members are invited to join the Sims Grand Opening Committee that is being formed. The Sims Park Project may be completed in December with the Grand Opening being planned at the end of January. The Sky Divers will not be able to participate this time. There will be a ribbon-cutting and commemorative old wooden flower pots with new plants for the past and current volunteers. Planning is needed for volunteers, music, parking attendants, etc.
- Presentation on Video Boards to City Council - Sims Park discussion; one thing being considered is what type of video monitors to put at Sims amphitheatre.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Coteeman Triathlon - Saturday, November 14th at 7:30am-12pm
- Cardboard Campout - Saturday, November 14th - The Youth Advisory Board is continuing to collect canned food and there will be a bicycle drawing this Friday.
- Free Family Movie Night - Saturday, November 21st - Several 20-minute movie shorts will be shown at the RAC; the hospital will be having activities also, beginning at 5:30pm.
- Neighborhood Clean-up Day - November 21st - The collection site is Frances Avenue Park (One member remarked that the clean-up is restricted to owner-occupied properties.)

VOX POP

We have a potential new P & R Advisory Board member for the Alternate position; she works at Friendly Kia.
Bob has some more volunteers to assist with the Coteeman Triathlon on Saturday.

Carolyn, Bob, and Greg expressed interest in assisting on Sims Grand Opening Committee.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, December 8th.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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