

City of Palm Bay, Florida

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Regular Meeting No. 2019-06

Held on Tuesday, the 4th day of June, 2019, in the conference Room located at the Parks & Recreation Office, 1150 Degroodt Road, Palm Bay, FL 32908

The meeting was properly noticed pursuant to law; the minutes are on file in the Parks Administration Office at 1150 Degroodt Road., Palm Bay, Florida 32908.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Salvatore Ferranti at 7:10 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

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| CHAIRMAN: | Salvatore Ferranti | Present |
| VICE CHAIRMAN: | Donny Felix | Present |
| SECRETARY: | Scott Duncan | Present |
| MEMBER: | Denise Bowes-Valcin | Present |
| MEMBER: | Donovan Davidson | Absent |
| MEMBER: | Sean Brooks | Absent |

ALSO PRESENT:

Troy Cox, Recreation Manager, City of Palm Bay Parks and Recreation.

ADOPTION of MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting 2019-04; April 2, 2019

Motion by Mrs. Bowes-Valcin, seconded by Mr. Felix, to adopt the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Anthony Harris, resident and representative of the Brevard Caribbean American Sports and Cultural Association (BCASCA), requested assistance from Parks and Recreation for family and friend bus trips to Orlando. He suggested at least one regular season soccer game and one basketball game; something similar to the current package deals offered for the baseball and football games.

REPORTS:

1. Parks and Recreation Report – Fred Poppe, Director of Parks and Recreation

Mr. Cox thanked Mr. Harris and his group for approaching the committee to open a discussion on trips to the soccer and basketball games. He had spoken about the City looking into trips in the past and the ticketing process had been the issue. The National Football League (NFL) had been switching over to downloadable application system and it was making it difficult for those trips to continue. Miami Dolphins had been able to eventually bend and offer paper tickets to use at the game. Orlando City on the other hand was so new that they never used paper tickets and only used the phone app. Due to the stadium usually selling out, available tickets were hard to come by. Seats were not usually in the same areas together. Mr. Cox said he would do some further research and try to overcome these obstacles.

Mr. Cox addressed the bus transportation. He said that it had become challenging to fill a bus. Most trips were now being done using fifteen (15) passenger vans. The City did not have to sell as many seats and it was easier to break even. Mr. Duncan asked if staff could request that local churches loan the City vans for the events. Mr. Cox advised that due to liability issues, the vehicles must be owned or leased by the City and the City received a great rate from Enterprise. Mrs. Bowles-Valcin asked for more information about the ticket apps. Mr. Cox would provide information to the Board.

Mr. Cox advised of the following upcoming events in Palm Bay:

First Fridays was relocated to Veteran's Park on Port Malabar Road, and was scheduled for Friday, June 7th. Summer Camps had started and while the first sessions were low in attendance, historically, attendance would pick up as summer continued. The Independence Day Celebration would take place on July 5th at the Eastern Florida State College, Palm Bay Campus. The Veteran's Day Parade was being planned in partnership with American Legion Post 117 and scheduled for November 9, 2019. The parade route would start at Liberty Park and end at American Legion Post 117. Haunted Trail returns this year on October 30 & 31, 2019 at the Turkey Creek Sanctuary.

Mr. Cox stated the repairs at the Palm Bay Aquatic Center were still in the evaluating stage and staff has not decided on the correct action to move forward with the repairs.

Motion to cancel the July meeting due to the Independence Day Holiday and hold the August meeting at Parks and Recreation Conference Room, 1150 DeGroot Road, Palm Bay, Florida 32908, on August 6, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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Chairman Salvatore Ferranti adjourned the meeting at 8:04 pm.

ATTEST:

Chairman Salvatore Ferranti

Secretary Scott Duncan