

**City of Palm Bay, Florida**  
**RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting 2020-08**

Held on Tuesday, the 4th day of August 2020, in the conference Room located at the Parks and Recreation Office, 1150 Degroodt Road, Palm Bay, Florida 32908.

The meeting was properly noticed pursuant to law. The minutes are on file in the Parks Administration Office at 1502 Port Malabar Blvd NE, Palm Bay, Florida 32905.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Donny Felix at 7:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>CHAIRMAN:</b>	Salvatore Ferranti	Present
<b>VICE CHAIRMAN:</b>	Donny Felix	Present
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	Scott Duncan	Present
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Denise Bowes-Valcin	Present
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Anthony Harris	Present
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Randy Foster	Present
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Vacant	

**ALSO PRESENT:**

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

**ADOPTION of MINUTES:**

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

**REPORTS:**

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

Mr. Cox advised that the indoor rental facilities would remain closed until at least August 31, 2020. However, the outdoor pavilions were currently available to rent through the City's website. The department continued to provide services and maintain the parks landscaping, trash and maintenance schedules. Most of the youth sports programs had begun conditioning and practices. They were following strict Center for Disease Control (CDC) and social distancing guidelines to protect against the spread of COVID-19.

Upcoming events included Movies in the Park on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and September 11<sup>th</sup>. City of Palm Bay Golf Classic was also planned for September 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Cox mentioned there were many more events and some required advance registration which was also available at the City's website.

Other news included that the repairs at the Palm Bay Aquatic Center had started and the department had already assigned a manager for the facility and they are looking forward to reopening as soon as it is safe to do so.

The septic system upgrades at Fred Poppe Park had begun and, once completed, all restrooms would be connected to sewer and no longer using the septic tanks.

Mr. Duncan asked about the prospect of the Celebration of Haitian Heritage that was proposed in February to be held in May. He wanted to know if they planned on rescheduling at a future date or waiting for next year. It was commented that the event was cancelled due to COVID-19, but it would be a great event to help promote the heritage of some of the City's residents.

Mrs. Bowes-Valcin and Mr. Harris suggested that events be held to celebrate other heritage groups. Mr. Duncan suggested that the event include all Heritage avenues and highlight the crafts, talents, music and food from all diverse cultures that called Palm Bay home. The Board concurred to table the item and present it at a future meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 8:45 p.m.

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Salvatore Ferranti, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Scott Duncan, Secretary