

City of Palm Bay, Florida
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Regular Meeting 2020-11

Held on Tuesday, the 10th day of November 2020, in the conference room located at the Ted Whitlock Community Center, 370 Champion Cir NW, Palm Bay, Florida 32907.

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ferranti at 7:11 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

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

CITY STAFF:

Present was Fred Poppe, Parks and Recreation Director

ADOPTION of MINUTES:

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

REPORTS:

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

Mr. Poppe reported that the Parks and Recreation Department had all the three items at the council meeting pass. Mr. Poppe informed the RAB that council approved spending contingency money and the amount at the Palm Bay Aquatic Center. To date \$38,000 unused operating cost of the PBAC was used to make repairs to chairs, umbrellas, etc.

The \$65,000 would help replace lighting, starting blocks, building repairs, putting up gutters, and other repairs. An amount of \$27,000 was requested for events. Mr. Poppe informed the RAB that the acting city manager, Mrs. Suzanne Sherman, put forward a request of \$500,000 of funding. Mrs. Sherman restored some positions, gave some money to IT. \$130,000 was given to replace the slide at the PBAC. The slide was 17 years old and had cracks. Council also approved of the sewer project at Ted Whitlock Community Center.

Mr. Poppe said that Parks & Recreation was doing a drive through Light Fest in replacement of the Holiday Light Parade event. After the success of the Halloween drive through event of over 1,000 attendants, they were hopeful the drive through Holiday Light Fest would have a good attendance as well.

Mr. Harris asked if there was going to be a SE exit for the campground. Mr. Poppe stated it depended on how far they got with the money from the second phase. The plan would be to ask the Tourist Development Council for more money. Mr. Poppe stated that the campgrounds master plan included a pavilion, a playground, restrooms and picnic tables. There would also be an opportunity for environmental education. There is about 26 acres that belongs to the school board and they plan to ask to use this. With a Joint Use Agreement, the city could use facilities for free.

In response to BACASCA's proposal to do a National Caribbean American Heritage event in the month of June; Mr. Poppe wanted to organize a meeting to discuss a multi-cultural event to include food and entertainment and would like to know if BACASCA could take the lead. The city and the Chamber would partner with BACASCA. Mr. Poppe needed to bring something before the council seeking partnership with a projection of cost for the first year, using the Christmas Extravaganza as a comparison. The Extravaganza cost the city about \$5,000 for police, green space, etc. and the city would be responsible for logistics.

OLD BUISNESS:

Mr. Poppe introduced Mr. Tom Graver, President of West Pine Estates Neighborhood Association. Mr. Graver would speak on behalf of the West Pine Estates Neighborhood Association in their request, that the Wake Forest Park project be called West Pine Estates Park. Mr. Graver asked if the RAB choose to recommend the naming request, if

the neighbors would be notified. Mr. Poppe stated that a public announcement would be put out. He advised Mr. Graver that it would have to be decided by council, but the neighbors would make the decision. Mr. Graver asked if the park was going to be larger. Mr. Poppe stated that it would have a playground, basketball court and a pavilion. Mr. Graver asked if there would be lights and Mr. Poppe stated there would be no lights or restrooms.

Mr. Felix asked if the West Pine Estates Neighborhood Association held meetings and Mr. Graver advised meetings were held monthly via internet. There are plans to meet face to face in the spring and they will be going quarterly starting in April of 2021. Mr. Foster requested that the association show up in full force when they present the request to the city council. It will go before council in December.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 9:10 p.m.

Salvatore Ferranti, Chairman

ATTEST:

Scott Duncan, Secretary