

City of Palm Bay, Florida
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Regular Meeting 2021-12

Held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of November 2021, in the conference room located at the Ted Whitlock Community Center, 370 Championship Circle NW, Palm Bay, Florida 32907.

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.

As the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson had yet to be selected by the Board, Mr. Ferranti served as the presiding officer.

The meeting was called to order by Salvatore Ferranti at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

INTERIM CHAIRMAN:	Salvatore Ferranti	Present
MEMBER:	Vacant.	
MEMBER:	Benjamin Aubin Jr.	Present
MEMBER:	Thomas Graver	Present
MEMBER:	Thomas Gaume	Present
MEMBER:	Phil Moore	Present
MEMBER:	Vacant	

CITY STAFF:

Present was Fred Poppe, Parks and Recreation Director

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

REPORTS:

1. Fred Poppe, Recreation Department Director.

The item was heard after New Business.

Motion by Mr. Gaume, seconded by Mr. Moore, to consider Item 3, under New Business, prior to Item 1, under New Business. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board considered Item 3, under New Business, at this time.

3. Consideration of naming Liberty Park Basketball Courts.

Dawn Futch, President/Founder of the Michael-Gene Kids Basketball Foundation, provided history of the Foundation. She requested the renaming of the Liberty Park basketball courts to Michael-Gene Foundation Basketball Courts, along with the display of a plaque.

Individuals spoke in favor of the request.

Motion by Mr. Gaume to rename the basketball courts as requested.

Mr. Moore asked that information be provided to City Council prior to its consideration on this item. He said there was a background arrest record on Michael Futch and Michael-Gene Futch and 2021 Florida nonprofit annual report noting Michael Futch as a Director of the Foundation. He noted Internal Revenue Services Form 990 and highlighted a potential conflict of part VII-A.

Mr. Aubin commented on his personal experience and how organizations such as these helped him as a youth. Mr. Ferranti spoke on his work with the kids at Lamplighter and the positive impact of same. Mr. Moore said to continue to work on the positive benefits of the foundation which would outweigh the negatives. Mr. Gaume supported the work of the organization. Mr. Graver brought up neighborhood concerns and capacity with added games.

The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Gaume, seconded by Mr. Graver, to adopt the minutes of October 5, 2021.
Motion carried unanimously.

NOTE: The minutes were included in the agenda packet to the Board but were not reflected on the agenda. Therefore, the minutes would be presented to the Board for adoption at a subsequent meeting.

Reports were heard at this time.

REPORTS:

1. Fred Poppe, Recreation Department Director.

Mr. Poppe advised that a new member would be appointed by City Council this month and should be in attendance at the board meeting in December.

Motion by Mr. Gaume, seconded by Mr. Graver, to table Items 1 and 2, under New Business, to the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Selection of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

The item, considered earlier in the meeting, was tabled to the next meeting.

2. Consideration of amendments to the board by-laws.

The item, considered earlier in the meeting, was tabled to the next meeting.

The next meeting would be at The Captain's House on December 7, 2021, at 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40 P.M.

Salvatore Ferranti, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Phil Moore, Board Member