

**CITY OF PALM BAY, FLORIDA**  
**RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING 2022-06**

Held on Tuesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022, at the Anthony “Tony” Rosa Community Center, 1502 Port Malabar Boulevard NE, Palm Bay, Florida 32905.

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Thomas Gaume at 6:59 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>CHAIRPERSON:</b>	Thomas Gaume	Present
<b>VICE-CHAIRPERSON:</b>	Randall Olszewski	Present
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Phil Moore	Present
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Mary Jane Russell	Present
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Benjamin Aubin	Absent
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Thomas Graver	Present

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Fred Poppe, Recreation Department Director; Tasha Smith, Secretary.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**1. Regular Meeting 2022-04; April 5, 2022.**

Motion by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Graver, to adopt the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no public comments.

**REPORTS:**

**1. Fred Poppe, Recreation Department Director.**

Mr. Poppe made the following reports:

- Departmental budget meeting with City Manager’s Office scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup>. Discussions would include new positions; upgrading positions; requesting an evening Supervisor for Tony Rosa Community Center; Recreation Leader for Palm Bay Aquatic Center; full-time employee for Turkey Creek; and a Therapeutic Recreation Leader.

- Operations – additional funding of approximately \$76,000 for monthly events (i.e., First Fridays, kids, teen events) and take over the Multi-Cultural event.

Mr. Graver asked if the multi-cultural event would be coordinated with the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Poppe responded that it was solely a city event. He advised that he would also be asking for seed monies for the New Year's Eve Party.

- Capital Items – event pavilion at the Palm Bay Aquatic Center and constructing a larger Captain's House. Funding would come from impact fees.
- Vehicles – replacement of the current vans.

Mr. Olszewski asked about the type of vans. Mr. Poppe advised they were 15-passenger vans.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion by Mr. Olszewski, seconded by Mr. Moore, to consider Item 4, under New Business, at this time. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **4. Renaming of Oakwood Park. (AGENDA REVISION)**

Mayor Medina spoke about former City Councilman Patrick Woodard and asked the Board for their support to rename Oakwood Park in his honor.

Mr. Graver asked if the name would be Patrick Woodard Memorial Park. Mayor Medina said it would be determined.

Mr. Olszewski asked Councilman Woodard's years of service. Mayor Medina advised he had served nine (9) years on City Council.

Motion by Mr. Olszewski, seconded by Mr. Graver, to rename Oakwood Park to honor the late Councilman Patrick Woodard. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board resumed the order of business as shown on the agenda.

#### **1. Board responsibilities and objectives.**

Mr. Poppe requested input from the board members as to their role in helping achieve the City's goals. Mr. Gaume suggested free events for the community. Mr. Poppe said he was looking at ways to do things without impacting the General Fund.

#### **2. Mission and priorities.**

Mr. Moore asked if the Board had a mission statement. Mr. Poppe said the board by-laws reflected same.

Mrs. Russell asked if there was any other reason to define board responsibilities and objectives as well as mission and priorities other than what was presented by staff. Mr. Poppe advised that he did not want the Board to feel frustrated and question their role as a board member. He said this was a group dynamic and he wanted the Board to feel comfortable sharing their comments and ideas, but staff was always open to suggestions.

### **3. Cancellation of July meeting.**

Mr. Gaume said the Board did not usually meet in July and the meeting was scheduled for July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Russell, to cancel the July meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gaume asked if there were any agenda items for the August meeting. Mr. Poppe said he was planning on presenting updates on the budget and projects (i.e., disc golf, dog park).

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at 7:00 P.M., at the Anthony “Tony” J. Rosa Community Center Room B, 1502 Port Malabar Boulevard NE, Palm Bay, Florida 32905.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 7:54 P.M.

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Thomas Gaume, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Tasha Smith, Board Secretary