

CITY OF PALM BAY, FLORIDA
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING 2023-09

Held on Tuesday, the 5th day of September 2023, at the Captain's House, 1300 Bianca Drive 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 Chairperson Thomas Gaume at 7:01 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

CHAIRPERSON:	Thomas Gaume	Present
VICE-CHAIRPERSON:	Randall Olszewski	Present
MEMBER:	Wudson Fenelon	Present
MEMBER:	Mary Jane Russell	Absent
MEMBER:	Logan Luse	Present
MEMBER:	Thomas Graver	Present

ALSO PRESENT:

Fred Poppe, Recreation Department Director, Josh Hudak, Parks Division Manager

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

REPORTS:

1. Fred Poppe, Recreation Department Director.

Mr. Poppe made the following reports:

- At the Regular Council Meeting to be held on Thursday, September 7th, an agenda item would be presented regarding the campground.
- The Independence Day Event was the most organized with a good number of volunteers. Volunteer hours have been tracked.
- The video sent to members with the events and achievements from May to July would be updated with new events and distributed regularly.

- It was mentioned that the bridge to the entrance of Fred Poppe Regional Park was being addressed separately from the campgrounds. The bridge would accommodate two-way traffic, and two (2) pedestrian walkways. Impact fees would be used to cover the cost.

Mr. Hudak made the following reports:

- 99% of the grass sprigs had been completed at Veterans Park. The game field and fencing were being completed.
- Tennis courts at Veterans Park had been approved for resurfacing.
- The bid process for Rivera Dog Park had been closed and a contractor would be selected.
- Castaway Pier reconstruction had started.
- Restrooms at Veterans Park had been completed.
- Community partner funding would be processed in October to redo the dock at the Captain's House.
- The new drawings for West Pine Estates Park playground are being reviewed.

2. Video of Recreation Department achievements and events to date.

This item was discussed under Item 1, Reports.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review of Campground information.

Chairman Gaume suggested that the grand entrance at Fred Poppe Regional Park be made aesthetically pleasing and no expenses should be spared. He agreed that the bridge was a priority and must be completed regardless of Council's decision for the campground. Chairman Gaume requested that security be included for the campgrounds and felt that an extension for the grant funding was a good idea.

Mr. Graver asked if staff would be relaying the Board's suggestions to City Council for the campgrounds and suggested that a motion be made by the Board as to whether the campground should move forward.

Motion by Mr. Luse, seconded by Mr. Graver, to support moving forward with the campground.

Motion carried with members voting as follows:

Chairman Gaume	Nay
Mr. Olszewski	Nay
Mr. Luse	Aye
Mr. Graver	Aye
Mr. Fenelon	Aye

The next meeting would be held at the Ted Whitlock Community Center, 370 Championship Circle, Palm Bay, Florida 32907 on October 3rd at 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 7:55 P.M.

Thomas Gaume, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Joanna Alvino, Board Secretary