

CITY OF PALM BAY, FLORIDA
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING 2023-11

Held on Tuesday, the 7th day of November 2023, at Turkey Creek Sanctuary, 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 Mr. Luse at 7:04 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting 2023-010; October 3, 2023

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

REPORTS:

1. Fred Poppe, Recreation Department Director.

Mr. Hudak made the following reports:

- Public works finalized grading the Disc Golf course with larger equip, Survey went out and identified the four (4) corners. The Community Partner President of Disc Golf, Rick Gerard, designated 4 corners as practice areas.

- Dog park fencing was completed at Riviera Park and would remain locked until amenities were approved through the Procurement Department. Membership with the vendor was required and was approved.
- Veterans Park tennis courts have been completely resurfaced.
- Castaway Park north pier was completed for final inspection. The south pier was approved for permits through Army Corp. of Engineers.
- Fred Lee Park sunshades have been replaced.
- Captain House Phase 1 drawing for the pier have been submitted.

Mr. Poppe made the following report:

- Researching on bringing back Fun Friday.
- The Strawberry Fest would be held in February 2024.
- There were upgrades to Ted Whitlock Community Center. Underground electric was in process.
- There would be upgrades behind the Ted Whitlock Community Center for the Light Fest in December.
- Staff was in discussion with Eastern Florida State College to use Manchester Circle for fairgrounds.
- Funding was secured in the amount of \$235,000 to redo tennis courts at Fred Lee Park.
- The Art Show for Turkey Creek held at Tony Rosa Community Center had 2,500 attendees.
- The annual Fall Fest held at Fred Poppe Regional Park had 5,000 attendee this year.
- There have been discussions with the Police Department and leadership at the high schools to do a monthly event targeting teens similar to the Police Athletic League (PAL).
- A meeting was held with the City Manager's Office about the added development to Fred Poppe Regional Park, which included retaining consultants and holding public meetings. The Board would vote on same at a future meeting.

Staff responded to questions posed by board members.

Ms. Russell asked why consultants were needed for the added development. Mr. Poppe responded it was part of the procurement process utilizing continuing consultant agreements. Mr. Hudak added that \$500,000 was secured to replace the playground at Fred Poppe Regional Park. Bids for prequalification were solicited.

Ms. Russell asked if benches would be installed at Castaways Park pier. Mr. Hudak commented that benches were not part of the site plans. Ms. Russel asked if boulders would be added to the beach area. Mr. Hudak advised that Coquina boulders would be used.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of judges for the Holiday Parade.

Instructions for Holiday Parade judges was provided. The event would take place on December 2nd and board members were asked to advise of the total number of their guests.

The next meeting would be held at the Coast Guard Auxiliary, 1455 Main Street NE, Palm Bay, Florida 32907 on December 5th at 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 7:41 P.M.

Logan Luse, Board Member

ATTEST:

Joanna Alvino, Board Secretary