



Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

June 15, 2022 at 5:30p.m.

City Hall
Commission Chamber
401 Park Ave South
Winter Park, FL 32789

Board Members Present

Michael Perelman, Krystal Dawkins (virtual), Susan Sarkarati, Leah Bonich, Annemarie Smith
Jennifer Adams (virtual)

Call to Order

Meeting Called to order by Chairman Perelman at 5:31 pm

Consent Agenda

a. May 16, 2022 Minutes Approval

Motion made by Annemarie Smith to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Shannon Sarkarati. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments (for items not on the agenda): Three minutes allowed for each speaker
Public Comment was taken for Non Action Item

Action Items

a. Progress Point- Add Alternate Priorities & Rankings

Staff addressed the board about the budget reconciliation for Progress Point and presented the add alternate options. After discussion each board member ranked the top three options. Chairman Perelman asked about pathways, swells and drainage.

Motion made by Chairman Perelman to request the Commission to invest more funding in addition to the base budget for Progress Point to include the trellis upgrade, public restroom, shaded seating along with some brick elements; seconded by Shannon Sarkarati. Motion carried unanimously

Non-Action Items

a. Howell Branch Preserve Update- Presentation by Dix Hite

Johan Bueno and Kiley Aguar from Dix Hite provided the board with a conception map of the Howell Branch Preserve Project. This map included proposed trails, parking, water access and connectivity to neighborhoods. There is currently a zoom call for stake holders

scheduled for Thursday June 16th and the Community Meeting scheduled for Tuesday June 21st. Several residents spoke about the project

Clay Mitchell, 2001 Cove Trail spoke about concern of crime, encroachment on resident property and suggested the trails are monitored by police, and the possibility of securing the trail

Jeannine & Daniel Koehler, 2900 Cove Trail spoke about the concern of the clearing of vegetation and the security of homes. Questions about how the fire department would access trails in case of a fire, a concern for current wildlife.

Scott Redmon, 2455 Waumpi Dr. spoke in favor of the trails for connectivity of the neighborhoods

Ms. Bonich suggested call stations along the trail for security in addition to the police monitoring and the safety of the current wildlife.

Staff Updates

a. Project & Recreation Update

Mr. Seeley informed the board of some upcoming meetings and the upcoming Board Appreciation. City approved the sale of the Swoope Property to allow relocation of the maintenance facility and changing current maintenance facility in Palm Cemetery to allow for future mausoleum/columbarium space.

Current programs include; Summer Camp with 160 campers per week, SYEP program, aquatics camp which include swim lessons for current campers.

Current field projects include; Ward baseball field amenities, Showalter East 2, fields 6, 7 and 8 and Ward C. Other current in process projects are: Mead ADA restrooms, small amphitheater, Mead parking lot and drainage, MLK park improvements. Dinky Dock parking lot will begin once the project at Ft. Maitland is nearly complete or after summer.

Board Comments

Chairman Perelman asked about the status of the Youth Advisory Board, and an update on the Pollinator Gardens. Updates will be provided at the next meeting

Adjournment

The meeting was declared adjourned by Chairman Michael Perelman at 7:10pm

Minutes approved by the board on: 7/20/2022
/s/ Kesha Thompson