
**CITIZENS RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, November 17, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Rockledge Citizens Recreation Advisory Board met on Thursday, November 17, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Rockledge City Hall, 1600 Huntington Lane, Rockledge, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Todd Bamford, Michelle Doyle, Art Edwards, Rick Parrish, and Orville Susong.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Steven Naylor (excused).

STAFF PRESENT: Alix Townsend, City Planner and Margaret L. Daly, Recording Secretary.

DISTRICT 4 PARKS & RECREATION STAFF: Hector Lopez and Dom DeAngelis were unable to attend due to a prior engagement.

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Orville Susong. Immediately after the meeting was called to order the members joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Attendance Record

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 15, 2011

By motion of Rick Parrish, seconded by Art Edwards, the minutes of the regular meeting of September 15, 2011 were approved as individually read. Mr. Parrish then amended his motion to include approval of the Attendance Record, Art Edwards seconded the motion as amended. A call to vote was made and the amended motion passed unanimously.

3. PERSONAL APPEARANCES / PRESENTATIONS

A. Rockledge Recreation, Open Space and Conservation Foundation, Inc.
(Larry L. Schultz, Former Mayor and President of the Foundation)

Larry L. Schultz, 1820 Laurel Oak Drive South, Rockledge, Florida appeared before the Board to give a brief presentation on the goals and objectives of the Rockledge Recreation, Open Space and Conservation (ROC) Foundation, Inc. He stated the organization is interested in partnering with the Board to assist in obtaining funding for recreational projects within the City. Previous projects the foundation has been involved in include a recent a Fall Festival at McLarty Park, planting trees at various parks throughout the City, overseeing the installation of

benches at various parks through the City. The foundation is also overseeing the memorial plaques to be placed on the Memorial Wall at the Larry L. Schultz Park (formerly known as the Memorial Walk at Levitt Park). He said he had received a suggestion for a dog park. A brief discussion ensued regarding the need for proper signage at McLarty Park and the Community Park of Rockledge.

4. OLD BUSINESS

Members expressed their appreciation to the former Mayor and his wife for their past involvement with the City. Also, appreciation was expressed for all the years that Patrick O'Neill has served on this particular board (he is now a City Councilman).

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Action: Election of Officers

Vice Chair Orville Susong opened the floor to nominations for the position of Chair.

One nomination was received for Mr. Susong.

Vice Chair asked if there were any other nominations, there being none, the floor was closed to any additional nominations. A vote was called for:

Orville Susong was declared Chair by unanimous vote.

Chairman Susong then opened the floor to nominations for position of Vice Chair.

One nomination was received for Art Edwards. The Chair asked if there were any additional nominations. There being none, the floor was closed to any additional nominations. A vote was then called for.

Art Edwards was declared Vice Chair by a unanimous vote.

B. Action: Schedule Meetings for Next Year

A brief discussion ensued among the members regarding an earlier meeting time. Staff was instructed to confirm whether a meeting time of 6:00 p.m. would create any problems for the District 4 Parks and Recreation Staff. The recording secretary informed the Board that the **meeting dates for the coming year will be: January 19, March 15, May 17, September 20, and November 15.**

C. Action: Goals

City Planner Alix Townsend informed the Board that a community build will be necessary in the future to remain in compliance with grant requirements for the grant money received from Kaboom, Inc. At this time, it appears that the community build will be scheduled for February or March 2012. This item will be placed on the next agenda for discussion (January 19, 2012).

6. REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

No reports were available from the District 4 Parks and Recreation Staff as they were unable to attend. Community Calendars will be forwarded to the members through email at a later date.

Brief discussion ensued regarding a successful cross country event that was sponsored by Rockledge High School at Robert A. Anderson Park. Tentative plans are to attempt to make the event an annual occurrence.

Chairman Susong asked new member Todd Bamford to introduce himself to the Board. The remainder of the Board proceeded to make brief introductions of themselves to Mr. Bamford as well.

Chairman Susong:

- Announced that the Cocoa/Rockledge Holiday Parade will be held December 10
- Replacement sod was recently donated from the Washington Nationals to be placed on the soccer fields at the Community Park of Rockledge
- Maintenance has been performed on the softball fields at Rockledge Park, the concession stands have been spruced up and new floors have been installed in the bathroom
- Announced Rockledge Fall Ball will end next Wednesday.
- Wished the members a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

7. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m. The next meeting will be held on January 19, 2012.

Submitted by:

Margaret L. Daly
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

Chairman
Citizens Recreation Advisory Board