
**CITIZENS RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, March 21, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Rockledge Citizens Recreation Advisory Board met on Thursday, March 21, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Rockledge City Hall, 1600 Huntington Lane, Rockledge, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Orville Susong, Michelle Doyle, Rick Parrish and Ted Rodriguez

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rhaumon Smith (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Brenda Fettrow, Alix Bernard, Lisa Nicholas and Tracy Priebel (Recording Secretary)

DISTRICT 4 PARKS
& RECREATION STAFF: Rhonda McConnell, Special Events Coordinator

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

A. Attendance Record – See Approval of Minutes.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Minutes of March 15, 2018

By motion of Michelle Doyle, seconded by Theodore Rodriguez, the minutes and attendance record of the regular meeting of March 15, 2018, were approved as individually read. Motion passed unanimously.

3. PERSONAL APPEARANCES / PRESENTATIONS

None

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Report: Park Projects (City)

City Manager Brenda Fettrow reported:

- On the status of the Multiple Purpose Facility, with an estimated cost of \$5M. There are currently two potential sites; one at the north end of The McKnight Family Sports Complex and the other on the undeveloped property across from the Public Safety building. Discussion ensued about pros and cons of each site: availability, funding assistance, scheduling (already heavily utilized at McKnight), site preparation and parking, and traffic, which may be the biggest issue.
- That Brevard County has purchased 19-20 new exercise stations to be installed at The McKnight Family Sports Complex soon.
- The nominees for the 2018 Volunteer of the Year will come from committee and board members and be based on the number of years on various boards and committees and overall service to the City, with the final selection being made by a committee composed of previous winners. The award will be given at the Volunteer Breakfast scheduled for April 20th.
- The Civic Hub should be complete sometime in late May or early June. The landscaping will be installed in April.
- The Fire Station #36 on Fiske Blvd. should be complete by late April or early May. Dr. Fettrow explained that the building had been shifted to the South slightly to allow for easier ingress of the engines.
- The City installed lights on the path between soccer fields at Dick Blake Park.

B. Report: District 4 Parks & Recreation Department

Rhonda McConnell, Special Events Coordinator

- Introduced herself to the Board and reported that she will be working more closely with the City in planning events for the parks.
- Announced that the pool at McLarty Park is closed, but should be open by summer.
- Dr. Fettrow interjected that she has been working with Terry Lane of Parks and Recreation so we should start to see more attention paid to our parks, (i.e. will look into the volley ball nets). The courts at McLarty Park have pickleball court lines painted on them.

5. NEW BUSINESS

None

6. REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Susong stated that he was disappointed that this was the first meeting since March 15, 2018, and in that time, the City had not received any money from the County. He would like to see more projects, and even though it is hard to get to meetings, he thinks it is important that we have them.

Rick Parrish stated that funding for recreation has been slim and wanted to know if the Multiple Purpose Facility project would sacrifice any future project plans.

Dr. Fettrow answered that there is still some money (from District IV) for smaller projects and field refurbishment, which will see more attention (depends on personnel). She also stated that replacing the bleachers will not negatively affect the Little League. Orville Susong asked if the bleacher coverings had come up in discussion, to which she responded, "No, it did not." Chairman Susong then reminded the Board that the City had invested \$56K in these coverings.

Ted Rodriguez asked how the City was doing with grants with regards to recreation.

Alix Bernard, Planning Director, reported that the funds from the dissolution of the ROC Foundation were being used to buy and install new exercise stations at Taylor Park. She also reported that the nationally-based grant organization, KaBOOM, had stopped implementing the Playful City USA project.

Orville Susong welcomed Rhonda McConnell and announced the next meeting would be held on May 16, 2019.

7. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Tracy Priebel
Recording Secretary

Orville Susong
Chairman