

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
DOROTHY L. HUKILL CITY CENTER ANNEX
1395 DUNLAWTON AVENUE
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
APRIL 16, 2019 AT 5:15 P.M.

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was called to order by Chairman Wiles at 5:15 p.m.

Present: Jack Wiles
Patricia Barraco
Julie Day
Bobby Ball (arrived late)
Michael Navarra
James Richard Jr
Mark Bowling
John Cameron (arrived late)

Absent: Maria Mills-Benat

Also Present: Susan Lovallo, Park and Recreation Director
Melanie Schmotzer, Development Review Tech
Shelby Field, Assistant City Clerk

Chairman Wiles passed the meeting over to Vice Chairman Bowling to lead while he serves as Interim Council Member.

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. Consideration of Minutes - January 15, 2019

Motion was made by Member Navarra to approve the minutes from January 15, 2019 as presented and Seconded by Member Richard. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion was made by Member Day to accept the Memorandum of Voting Conflict form for Member Navarra into the minutes and Seconded by Member Richard. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. Ideas for the Russell Property

Susan Lovallo, Parks and Recreation Director gave an overview of what the Russell Property is and what the possible options for it are. The public cannot individually access the property by car at this time, only by water, as it is in the Sanctuary Subdivision. One of the options Ms. Lovallo presented is get the property up to ADA compliance, renovate the house and barn, and lease the property as a venue. Another option would be to tear the current house down, as it is

a cost to the City at this point without being used and turn it into a park. Another option is seeing if Cracker Creek may be interested in helping.

Vice Chairman Bowling asked if there were any connecting properties the City could purchase to make access easier. Ms. Lovallo does not think so on that side of the creek. He inquired if the public is seeking access to the house for a public venue. Ms. Lovallo does not believe most of the public is aware of the property.

Chairman Wiles inquired about the cost of putting the Request for Proposal out there. Ms. Lovallo believes there are some advertising costs but is unsure if there are other costs.

Member Richard asked if it was a hassle to sell the property. Ms. Lovallo responded no, but it would make it harder to receive another FCT Grant in the future.

Member Barraco asked if the City has any connection to Gamble still. Ms. Lovallo stated the City has no connection with the Museum of Art's & Sciences at the Gamble site at this time.

Member Ball asked about the property across the creek on the southside of Williamson. Ms. Lovallo stated that it has been purchased.

4. Maps of City Owned Land

Ms. Lovallo went over the current map of the City owned lands and discussed options for unused lands. The Board would like to potentially sell, or use, unused land to purchase land for sports complex's, parks, etc.

Chairman Wiles asked Ms. Lovallo for a list of property's the Parks Department owns that they would be able to sell to fund new lands. Ms. Lovallo will bring something back to the Board.

(Chairman Wiles left at 5:54pm)

5. Update on the Halifax Trail

Melanie Schmotzer, Development Review Tech, gave an updated on the proposed Halifax Trail and answered questions from the Board.

C. PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Lovallo updated the Board on where the City is with the Park Partners. 3 of the 7 have stayed on as partners; Port Orange Volleyball, Panthers baseball & softball, and Pop Warner. Florida Elite Soccer club could no longer meet requirements and is no longer a club. The Stallions did not meet the requirements for residency, so they are pay-as-you-go now. She informed the Board of the budget update, which is just beginning. Ms. Lovallo addressed the new Rec Rangers program, stating it is going well so far. She also gave an overview of the events coming up through the next few months.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS – there were none.

E. BOARD COMMENTS

Member Cameron is impressed with the Parks Department, the work they are doing, and the social media accounts for them.

F. NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Meeting Date: July 16, 2019

G. ADJOURNMENT – 6:24pm



Chairman Jack Wiles
Mark Bowling