

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
DOROTHY L. HUKILL CITY CENTER ANNEX
CONFERENCE ROOM
1395 DUNLAWTON AVENUE
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
JANUARY 16, 2024

THE REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING of the City of Port Orange was called to order by Chairman Mark Bowling at 5:15 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Present: Bobby Ball, Vice Chair
Michael Navarra
Mark Bowling, Chairman
Maria Mills-Benat
Shawn Holmes
James Richard Jr.

Absent: James Cameron Jr. (Excused)

Also Present: Susan Lovallo, Parks & Recreation Director
Jennifer Sisk, Athletics Director
Tracee Cody, Deputy City Clerk

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Member Michael Navarra nominated Vice Chair Bobby Ball for Chair.

Motion to nominate Vice Chair Bobby Ball for Chair was made by Member Maria Mills-Benat and seconded by Member James Richard Jr.

Motion to nominate Member Michael Navarra for Vice Chair was made by Member Maria Mills-Benat and seconded by Member James Richard Jr.

Member Bobby Ball and Member Michael Navarra accepted the nomination.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

2. Consideration of Minutes - October 17, 2023

Motion to approve the October 17, 2023 meeting minutes as presented was made by Member Maria Mills-Benat and seconded by Vice Chair Bobby Ball. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Susan Lovallo, Parks & Recreation Director, explained GAI consultants are onto the second part of the Bond Initiative process. There might be a possible special meeting in May to discuss further. The funds for the land for the Coraci expansion is from mitigation banks, not the bond. The bond will be on the August ballot and funds won't be collected until the following year. If the bond passes in August, the shovel in the ground won't be until late summer of 2025. The projects as of now are Rec West, Coraci expansion and renovations, two multipurpose fields behind Horizon Elementary, Train Depot, and White Place Park renovations. Ms. Lovallo re-iterated there are still ECHO funds, grants, and other sources of funds that can be used.

Robert Reinhegan, resident, asked about the location for the White Place Park. Ms. Lovallo informed him that White Place was located by Epiphany Church.

Ms. Lovallo mentioned that field 3 at the City Center, must be dug out and re-built. It used to be an incinerator and a trash dump. The contractor will take out about 2 feet down worth of trash. The Baseball Outfield is now being used since there is limited number of fields. The restrooms at fields 4 and 5 are in the design phase now and should be out to bid in the next 3-4 months. Disc golf, a 9 hole course, was approved and has begun construction it should be done by the summer. Restoring of the flooring in courts 2 and 3 at the Rec is starting in March. The Amphitheater seating will be replaced, and the lighting is already done. Parks and Recreation has submitted for an ECHO grant for the City Center playground. There are two projects to close out to bid the parks office building, the restrooms, and concession stand at Spruce Creek. The lights at the City Center soccer fields will all be replaced with LED lighting.

Jennifer Sisk, Athletics Director, spoke about the athletic programs, adult sports and upcoming events, including the special needs dance and will continue working more with Special Olympics. On Saturday, March 16, 2024, will be the opening day of baseball. Agents of Discovery, an augmented reality, will be at City Center, Buschman, and Riverwalk parks. There might possibly be an initiative for coaching when parents register their child and their child would be registered for free, and it will be paid out of scholarship funds.

Ms. Lovallo mentioned J&B painting will start painting at the train depot. Community Development is submitting for a grant for a day dock at the Riverwalk. Vice Chair Ball asked how the Rec has held up from what was budgeted, etc. Ms. Lovallo said the fundraising and the amount of people coming through the doors have exceeded expectations.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Bond Update

PUBLIC COMMENTS

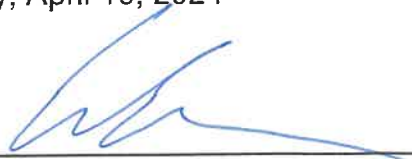
Robert Reinhegan, resident, asked more about Agents of Discovery and the QR code. Ms. Lovallo explained how the app works for the Agents of Discovery.

BOARD COMMENTS

Vice Chair Ball asked about the Amphitheater shading. Ms. Lovallo said by next year it's going to be in the capital budget.

ADJOURNMENT – 6:12 p.m.

3. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 @ 5:15 p.m.
4. Board Report to City Council: Tuesday, April 16, 2024



Chairman Bobby Ball