

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Present:	Michale Navarra, Vice Chair Mark Bowling Maria Mills-Benat Shawn Holmes John Cameron, Jr.
Absent:	James Richard, Jr. (Excused)
Also Present:	Susan Lovallo, Parks & Recreation Director Jennifer Sisk, Athletics Manager Christine Clowes, Administrative Assistant Tracee Cody, Deputy City Clerk

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Consideration of Minutes - April 16, 2024

Motion to approve the April 16, 2024, meeting minutes as presented was made by Member Maria Mills-Benat and seconded by Vice Chair Michael Navarra. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

2. Bond Update

Susan Lovallo, Parks & Recreation Director, provided an update on the Bond, Coraci land expansion and the REC West project. The ballots have been mailed out. Everyone has a card with a QR Code so people are able to scan it to look up the information. The biggest projects are going to be Coraci and REC West.

Ms. Lovallo informed the board that there is an intent to sell the Coraci land to the City.

In an effort to help advocate the need for the REC West Project, Bobby Ball, Member, suggested the City keep track of where people are coming from, who utilize the REC center. This could be done by keeping track of zip codes or by other means.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Lovallo indicated there is a hold on Restrooms 4 and 5 as they need to order sewer lines. Parks and Recreation will wait until the parking lot is torn out and they receive a report from Engineering on the soccer field to verify it can be played on.

The new Parks Office building that will be adjacent to the skate park is in permitting. Work should commence within the next 30 days. The Spruce Creek restrooms have been demolished. New construction is estimated to start approximately in November/December.

The light installation at the City Center Fields is estimated to start in December. Currently the sod installation has been started. The Memorial Pier project will go to Council in August and the Disc Golf Course (9 hole at Buschmann Park) should start approximately in one month.

The caboose for the Train Depot was approved by City Council and will need to be placed on site for the exhibit. This is mainly done through the organization with fundraisers and the City assists with the logistics.

Jennifer Sisk, Athletics Manger mentioned the summer programs are being played inside and they are maxed out with many people on the waiting list. Volleyball has tripled since last season. Soccer registration begins July 29th and will be opening on September 28th. The Little Oranges program will start again in August.

After training with Special Olympics, the City is going to start some Special Olympics programs, ages 2 to 7, which will begin in September. Adult softball is on hold due to field's conditions/space. Special events at the Adult Center on Riverwalk are getting many people in attendance. There is an open house on Saturday July 20, 2024, from 10am-1pm with a free Pickleball clinic. The annual "Slide Out of Summer" event at the Riverwalk Park is going to be on Saturday July 27, 2024, from 11am-2pm. "Rock the Park" music arts festival will be Saturday August 31, 2024. A new book has been implemented for the storybook stroll around City Center. July is Parks and Recreation Month. Events are listed on social media and the City's website. Parks and Rec sees about 6k people a month.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- Update on the Bond
Sensory ideas

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Reinlagen, resident, asked for an update on the YMCA. Ms. Lovallo explained it is still in the works.

BOARD COMMENTS

A question was raised about a four-way stop sign on Spruce Creek Road and Central Park.

ADJOURNMENT

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



Chairman Bobby Ball