



City of Deltona

2345 Providence Blvd.
Deltona, FL 32725

Minutes

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

6:00 PM

Commission Chambers Kitchen

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m.

Members of the Citizen Accessibility Advisory Sub Committee was also present for this meeting to address any questions the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board might have on Item 7.A under "New Business".

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Vice Chair Julio DeLeon
Member Karen Barton
Member Helen Dicks
Member Helen Pereira

Excused: 1 - Member Bernice Ludvick

Absent: 2 - Chair Nathan Johnson
Member Mal Locke

A. Introduction of New Member - Karen Barton

Ms. Barton was introduced to the members present.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES & AGENDA:

A. Regular Minutes of February 13, 2018

Motion by Helen Dicks, seconded by Helen Pereira, to approve the Minutes of February 13, 2018. There was no discussion. Minutes was unanimously approved.

Regular Minutes of March 15, 2018

Mrs. Brown added to the agenda, the approval of the Minutes for the Citizen Accessibility Advisory Sub Committee since they were present at this meeting. Motion by Micky Beauregard, seconded by Julio DeLeon to approve the Minutes of March 15, 2018. The Minutes was unanimously approved.

4. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/REPORTS

A. Announcements

Flyers of the upcoming concert and the special events calendar were handed to the members.

5. PUBLIC FORUM: Time permitted, public comment shall be permitted at the end of agenda items only and shall not exceed two minutes.

There was no one present from the public.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Adopt A Park Report

The members agreed to do a park clean-up in June. Mrs. Brown advised that their clean-up can be every 2 months if it was not possible to do a monthly clean-up. They discussed and agreed on June 9th at 9:00 a.m.

Motion by Julio DeLeon, seconded by Helen Pereira to clean Campbell Park on Saturday, June 9th at 9:00 a.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion on report from the Citizen Accessibility Advisory Sub Committee

Mrs. Brown briefed the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board on the Citizen Accessibility Advisory Sub Committee (CAAS). She explained that the board has been dwindling as members have been resigning. As of the last meeting there were 5 active members and since then 2 more members had resigned, bringing the number of members down to 3. The members have not been feeling as if they are accomplishing anything, at least not according to their mission statement. The last 2 meetings have been about their roles, what they can effectively do with regards to accessibility issues and possibly sunseting this advisory until they get more members. Mrs. Brown explained that the people who can sunset a board is the City Commission. She also explained that the Parks and Recreation Board is over the sub-committees, so the Parks Board would have to look at the facts and make a recommendation to the City Commission regarding the matter of sunseting the CAAS board or taking another approach.

Mrs. Brown also explained that the City Clerk's Office had been actively advertising and seeking new members for months without any luck.

Mrs. Beauregard gave the board some additional information. She explained that they struggle as a sub-committee to make a quorum, because of that they had 6 or less mtgs during the previous year due to the lack of participation by the members. She added that it

is a vicious cycle of trying to recruit members and they feel that their mission could become a part of the Parks & Recreation Board. She feels that they have brought their committee to a place where the City is assuring the public of accessibility as seen by the language on flyers sent out by the City, the realization of the Thornby Park which is all inclusive and looking at the parks to keep up with accessibility.

Mrs. Beauregard said that they had been looking at the idea of visiting the parks and checking for accessibility as a project for them to do. She stated that anything can be accessible but not be truly accessible, e.g. a bathroom can be accessible, but not to a grandmother in a scooter with her grandkids who cannot get into the bathroom. Is it accessible for anyone who comes to the park to participate in activities and enjoy the environment? This sub-committee had chosen to visit 6 parks a year to do an overview and make recommendations to the Parks and Recreation Department on items that needed attention or were not accessible for residents.

They wanted to know if they are sunsetted, would this Parks & Recreation Board (P&R) pick up some of the activities they did, to keep an eye, as there is always room for improvement. Mrs. Beauregard stated that there is a huge population of people with disability in the community and the statistics are there. They wanted to recommend that the City hire an Inclusion Facilitator/Coordinator, which is a great recommendation, as that person could look at the idea of making sure the events are accessible to everyone - the elderly, people with children in strollers, wheelchair users, people with physical mobility but not necessarily use a wheelchair but maybe a hand cane, etc. They do not want activities that are just for people with disabilities as that would be segregating them more, instead of including them to participate in community activities. She continued that the Coordinator would help to oversee some of these areas and if that happens they would feel that their committee, with all its struggles, had accomplished something, if the City Commission agrees, and their mission would still be maintained.

Mrs. Dicks asked if members of the CAAS Board would be interested in joining their board. Mrs. Brown explained that the 7 members of the P&R Board were City Commission appointed. It was suggested that they could make a recommendation to have the CAAS Board join with the P&R Board. Mr. Brown told the Parks Board that Mrs. Beauregard and Miss Denizac are original members of the CAAS Board since 2006.

Mrs. Pereira wanted Parks to ask if the CAAS Board could join with their P&R Board. She also asked if with transportation issues could they meet elsewhere to accommodate the members wanting to join the CAAS Board. There was mention of group homes and Mrs. Beauregard said group homes could not accommodate meetings if people in those homes wanted to join their advisory (if there was a transportation issue).

Mrs. Beauregard stated that the members on their committee are primarily people in our community with a disability so if you add the aging process and the disability it makes attendance harder for members which is how they lost some members. She has no objection to joining this Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Miss Denizac was not in attendance so the members could not speak on her behalf on whether or not she would join with the Parks & Recreation Board.

Mrs. Pereira asked about advertising and it was explained that the City advertises in several ways. Mrs. Beauregard said this committee fits the needs of a finite population and stated that people will express an interest but not come back after 2 visits.

Mr. DeLeon asked the members if they wanted to make a decision at this meeting. Mrs. Pereira said she wanted to make a recommendation to ask if the members could join with the P&R Board.

Motion by Helen Dicks, seconded by Helen Pereira to sunset the CAAS until such time as they can get new members. There was discussion. She wanted to make sure they were not disbanding the group. Mrs. Brown stated that she would submit these Minutes. Lack of membership is the reason why they need to sunset. The members discussed having the current CAAS members join with them until they had enough members to start up the CAAS board again.

Motion was revised. **Motion by Helen Dicks, seconded by Helen Pereira to ask the City Commission if they can merge with the Citizen Accessibility Advisory Sub Committee; if not then to sunset them until such time as they can start up again. The motion was unanimously approved.**

B. Department Update

There were no department updates. Mrs. Brown advised that cameras were being installed at various parks which so far was proving to be quite helpful.

C. Next Meeting Date: TBD

The next meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Brown advised that by that time Mrs. Ludvick should be able to join them.

8. STAFF COMMENTS:

There were no further comments from staff.

9. BOARD/COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS:

Mrs. Pereira spoke about rental conflicts at the center and the expense of the rentals. She said the brunches are too expensive and prices should be based on the income in our community and not be based on what other cities are charging. She felt the prices should be lower especially for families with children. Mrs. Dicks said she understands both sides of the issue. Mrs. Brown advised her to direct her comments to the City Manager.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Julio DeLeon, Vice Chair

Marlene Brown, Board Secretary