Recreation Advisory Committee
Meeting

155 Corey Avenue

07/19/2011

9:00am

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

REGULAR MEETING

1. **Changes to the Agenda**
2. **Audience Comments**
3. **Approval of Minutes -**
4. **Action Items - None**
5. **Items for Discussion**
   a. **Grant Update – Dan O'Connor**
   b. **Skateboard Park – Phil Christman**
   c. **3nd Quarter Report – Sharon Smith**
   d. **Review Summer Events – Mandy Edmunds/Suzanne Greenfeld**
   e. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair**
   f. **Next meeting Date**
6. **Adjournment**

APPEALS

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RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 19, 2011
9:00 am

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Gregory Premer, Chairman
Bud Cherry
Carol Walker
Scott Seubert, Vice Chairman, was present for this meeting via speaker phone.

ALSO PRESENT

Steve Hallock, Public Services Director
Sharon Smith, Recreation Administrator
Dan O'Connor, Administrative Services Supervisor
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk

1. CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA.

Public Services Director Hallock requested the following changes and addition to the Agenda:

a. **Election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman**

b. **Budget Preparation for FY2012**

2. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

There were no comments from the audience.

3. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 20, 2010 MEETING

Chairman Premer moved to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2010 meeting as presented. Mr. Cherry seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved by voice roll call vote.

4. ACTION ITEMS

There were no Action Items on this Agenda.

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a. Fireworks

Fire Marshall Ernie Hand was present to speak about the fireworks.

Chairman Premer stated that several homeowners at Vina del Mar, Belle Vista and Pass-a-Grille requested that the fireworks display be moved south from Upham Beach and back towards the beach at the public park. Mr. Hand noted that there is no other portion on the beach that has adequate space to meet state law. Discussion followed regarding fireworks displays, location and costs. The City has allocated $30,000 for fireworks at Upham Beach in next year's budget.

Mr. Cherry queried the idea of having a July 4 celebration without having fireworks. There was considerable discussion with respect to the benefits of having fireworks, as well as requests by the residents to continue the traditional celebration.

The Advisory Committee thanked City staff for cleaning the beach the next day.

6. GRANT UPDATE

a. Closing on Egan Park

Dan O'Connor, Administrative Services Supervisor, reported that documentation is being assembled and the closing on Egan Park will be presented at the Commission's next meeting. The anticipated closing date will be somewhere between August 1, 2011 through August 5, 2011; closing costs are $403,000 which will give deed and title to the City. Details regarding this closing process were discussed. Development on the property (related to recreational boating, etc.) must begin within three years.

The cost to demolish the house on Egan Park is budgeted. A grant is not available for a demolition.

b. Infrastructure Grant for a Transient Boat Docks in or around the Community Center.

Documentation regarding an application for an Infrastructure Grant for transient boat docks in or around the Community Center must be submitted to the State by August 15, 2011.

c. Skate Board Park

The property (equipment, ramps, etc.) for the Skate Board Park will be advertised for bid on an auction site.

d. Community Garden

Mr. Hallock noted that the idea of having a Community Garden is a good idea but since City staff cannot oversee this project, community volunteers will be required to manage it. The City can provide the property, but not the labor.

7. THIRD QUARTER REPORT

a. Recreation Administrator Smith reviewed the Revenue Summary report for the third quarter report noting that 85% of the budget for the Recreation Activities has already been received; 70% for facility rentals has been received; donations received are at 46% ($24,000 was for the race). Ms. Smith also reported on the expenditures. There was no Capital Outlay this year. Rentals at the facility have been very successful.

Ms. Smith reported on events that take place at the Community Center, e.g. Adults Programming, Senior Excursions, Youth Programming. The Recreation Division held an afternoon event of music and dancing for seniors. The only cost was to the band for $300. Ms. Smith would like to find a matching funds grant to pay for future events.

Ms. Smith also reported on the Yard Sale event, Mandy Edmunds, Program Coordinator, is working on the Summer Camp Program, Famulous Friday Night, Life Guard Classes, Water Safety Instruction classes, Scuba offered at the pool, etc. The Recreation Department is running a half price sale on all pool membership fees.

Ms. Smith and Mr. Hallock answered questions from the Committee members, and Mr. Hallock spoke about improvements that have been made at the Community Center. Committee members also commented on some of the improvements and all the work that staff has done.

8. FY2012 RECREATION DIVISION BUDGET

a. Ms. Smith reviewed the Operating Costs in the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget presented to the Committee and explained each in detail.

There was discussion regarding leasing a bus, etc.

Staff is working on Special Events for the St. Pete Classic. New sponsors have been added this year.

9. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Mr. Hallock noted that due to the City Elections Ordinance, this Committee needs to elect a Chair and a Vice Chair.

Mr. Cherry moved to appoint Al Johnson as Chairman of this Committee and that Scott Seubert continues as Vice Chair. Ms. Walker seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved by voice roll call vote.

10. FUTURE PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION

Suggestions outside the daily operating expenses include a new roof, a new gymnasium floor and a new fitness room. Mr. Hallock reviewed improvements to the entire Corey Avenue Streetscape, Egan Park improvements, Hurley Park Ball Fields and playgrounds.

Ms. Walker suggested having a community fitness walk and making use of the pocket parks as well as using the Community Center.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting date will be held on Tuesday, October 18, 2011, 9:00 a.m. at City Hall.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Time being 11:20 a.m. and no further business, this meeting was adjourned.

Rebecca C. Haynes
Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk

Alan P. Johnson
Al Johnson, Chairman

Minutes approved on: 10/16/11