



**Minutes**  
**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**

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**Tuesday, August 11, 2015**

**6:00 PM**

**Commission Chambers Kitchen**

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**Regular Meeting**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Marlene Brown, Board Secretary, in the absence of the Chair.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** 4 - Member Julio DeLeon  
Member Nathan Johnson  
Member Bernice Ludvick  
Member Helen Pereira

**Excused:** 2 - Chair Lonnie Wilson  
Member Jimmie Stone

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES & AGENDA:**

**A. Regular Minutes - July 14, 2015**

**Motion by Member Ludvick, seconded by Member Pereira, to approve the Regular Minutes of July 14, 2015 . The motion carried by the following vote:**

**For:** 4 - Member DeLeon, Member Johnson, Member Ludvick and Member Pereira

**4. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/REPORTS:**

Mrs. Brown handed the members a copy of the "Save the Date" for the Festival of Nations to be held on September 19, 2015 at Dewey Boster Sports Complex.

**5. PUBLIC FORUM:**

No member from the public was present.

**6. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Topics of Interest - Adopt-A-Park discussion**

The members had voted, at the last meeting, to review the list of available parks and

come back with a decision on which park they wanted to adopt.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Stone were both excused from this meeting but had advised the Board Secretary that their choice was Firefighters Memorial Park. Mrs. Pereira stated that at the last meeting Vann Park was one of the parks they had discussed as well. All the members decided that they would go with Firefighters Memorial Park.

**Motion by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Ludvick, to adopt the Firefighters Memorial Park. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

## 7. NEW BUSINESS:

### A. Nominate Chair for the Youth Advisory Sub Committee

Mrs. Pereira has expressed an interest in this position but wanted some more information. Mrs. Brown briefed her on what was required and advised that she would send Mrs. Pereira an email with additional information.

This item will be added back to the September Agenda.

### B. Committee Update - Citizen Accessibility Advisory Sub Committee

Mrs. Brown advised that committee updates were added to the Agenda and stated that this would be on their agendas going forward as it had been an established practice in the past. She explained that this would keep this board up to date on what was taking place with the sub-committees on a monthly basis.

Mrs. Brown advised Mr. DeLeon that going forward he would be the one to report on the Citizen Accessibility Advisory (CAAS) Sub-Committee. She explained to this board that the CAAS members were now focusing on Part 2 of their video and would also be hosting the Sheriff at their next meeting to discuss handicap parking violations by local businesses.

### C. Committee Update - Senior Advisory Sub Committee

Mrs. Ludvick, the Chair for the Senior Advisory Sub Committee advised that she was not at the Senior Breakfast hosted on July 25th. Mrs. Brown informed the members that 159 tickets had been sold and there were about 20 volunteers so it was a well attended function.

### D. Committee Update - Youth Advisory Sub Committee

She explained that the Youth Advisory Board was on hiatus and that new students would be recruited from the high schools.

### E. Department Update - Steve Moore

Mr. Moore is on vacation.

## 8. STAFF COMMENTS:

**A. Next Meeting Date - September 8, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.****9. BOARD/COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS:**

Mr. Johnson told staff that there had been a Facebook posting that stated that during the summer, parents dropped off their kids at Wes Crile Park and the older siblings allowed the younger siblings to fight. He said that the posting indicated that staff at Wes Crile was aware but they did nothing. Mr. Johnson had tried to take a picture of the Facebook comment to show staff at this meeting, but somehow it was not saved on his phone. He felt that this is a serious concern and should be checked out, especially as the posting made it to Facebook.

Mrs. Pereira confirmed what Mr. Johnson stated as she had been to the park early in the day and seen pre-teens alone and when she returned later in the evening the same kids were still there. She also stated that the walking trail needs another light post in the back by the tennis courts as the only post there does not provide sufficient lighting and it is dark. She said people are sitting back there smoking and you don't actually see them until you are upon them. She noted too that the sexual predator sign is also in the back and asked why it was not in the front where everyone can see it.

Discussion ensued on proper park signage and the members asked why don't we install a sign that says "no child should be left unattended". Mrs. Brown explained that that is the case with the Splash Pad but she was not sure about visitors to the rest of the park. They wanted to know if family could leave their children unattended in the Splash Pad and Mrs. Brown said no. The members felt that the City should cover itself from liability by having the proper signs posted at highly visible locations. They realize that staff cannot watch everyone in the park, nor is it their job to watch unattended minors, but they felt that proper signage in the park would draw more attention, thereby relieving the City from possible liability. They also discussed working parents probably not being aware that their older children were hanging out in the park all day and not supervising their younger siblings.

Mrs. Brown explained that staff was aware of some issues and that there is a list of people who are not allowed to be in the park. She also wondered if this was happening because it is summer and school is out.

Mr. DeLeon remembered the park signage discussion in the past and the members felt that the signage issues should be re-visited.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion by Member Johnson, seconded by Member DeLeon, to adjourn this meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

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Member Bernice Ludvick

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Marlene Brown, Board Secretary

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