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**CITY OF DELTONA, FLORIDA
REGULAR MEETING
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Monday, January 13, 2013 in the Commission Chambers Kitchen, 2345 Providence Boulevard, Deltona, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:29 p.m. by Marlene Brown as this Board has not yet nominated a Chairperson.

2. ROLL CALL:

Board Member	Bernice Ludvick	Present
Board Member	Susan Armon	Present
Board Member	Julio DeLeon	Present
Board Member	James W. Ruth	Present
Board Member	Kay Gardner	Present
Board Member	Nathan Johnson	Present
Board Member	Lonnie Wilson	Present

Also present: Steve Moore, Director and Marlene Brown, Board Secretary.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. Minutes:

1. Meeting – December 10, 2012

Motion by James Ruth, seconded by Julio DeLeon to adopt the minutes of the Regular Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of December 10, 2012 as written. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The members were given a copy of the Martin Luther King celebration flyer, a copy of the Parks & Recreation Meeting Schedule for 2013 and a copy of the Member Contact List.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no members from the public present for this meeting.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

A. There was no old business.

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2 **7. NEW BUSINESS:**
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4 **A. Introduction of New Members and Election of Chair and Vice Chair:**
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6 **Motion by James Ruth, seconded by Nathan Johnson to nominate Bernice Ludvick as**
7 **the Chair for this board. The motion was unanimously approved with members voting as**
8 **follows: Susan Armon, For; Julio DeLeon, For; Kay Gardner, For; Nathan Johnson, For;**
9 **Bernice Ludvick, For; James W. Ruth, For; and Lonnie Wilson, For.**

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11 **Motion by Susan Armon, seconded by James Ruth to nominate Julio DeLeon as the**
12 **Vice Chair for this board. The motion was unanimously approved with members voting as**
13 **follows: Susan Armon, For; Julio DeLeon, For; Kay Gardner, For; Nathan Johnson, For;**
14 **Bernice Ludvick, For; James W. Ruth, For; and Lonnie Wilson, For.**

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16 Mrs. Kay Gardner introduced herself, said she has been in Florida for 10 years and said
17 this is going to be a challenge for her as she has never been on a committee before. She indicated
18 that she ushers at a theatre as a volunteer.
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20 Mr. Lonnie Wilson stated that he is a native Floridian and ex-military. He said he believes
21 that everyone should give back to the community and this is his way of doing that. He said he will
22 observe until he finds his way. He said he comes with his eyes and ears open.
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24 Mr. Nathan Johnson stated this is his first time volunteering and he is excited about it. He
25 has been here for 6 ½ years, has children in school, this is home and he wants to make a
26 contribution and make a difference.
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28 The returning members introduced themselves to the new members.
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30 Mr. Julio DeLeon said he had been gone for a few months in 2012 due to Navy duties but
31 stated that he is now stationed locally so should make all his meetings this year.
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33 Mr. James Ruth stated that this is his 5th year on the board, he has been a State Park Ranger
34 for 35 years, and he has been involved with Youth Sports and umpired for Little League for about
35 15 years.
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37 Mrs. Bernice Ludvick stated that she has been on this board since 2008 and that she is an
38 attorney practicing family law.
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40 Mrs. Susan Armon indicated that she is a School Crossing Guard and an at-home mom.
41 She said she has been in Deltona for 19½ years and children are her passion. She stated that Parks
42 & Recreation was a big surprise to her and it is way bigger than she ever thought it was. She said
43 Parks does a great service to the City.
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45 Mr. Steve Moore said he is here to do a job and he enjoys his job. He said he has been
46 doing this type of work for more than 35 years. He told them he has served in the army for 13
47 years and lived overseas for 25 years. He told them he takes his job very seriously and he has a

1 good staff. He said he is excited about getting things done.
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3 Mrs. Marlene Brown indicated that she has been working for the City for 13 years, 5 of
4 which has been with the Parks Department. She told the members that she is their contact and
5 they can call or email her with any questions they may have. She also told them that she runs the
6 Volunteer Program and that she might call on them to volunteer in the future at City events.
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8 Mr. Moore indicated that meetings are not always held each month but when we do, if the
9 members cannot attend, to please call and let us know so we have adequate time to cancel and
10 notify the other members.
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12 **B. Recognition of Outgoing Members:**
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14 Mr. Moore recognized Mrs. Deyette for her service to the Parks & Recreation Board and
15 thanked her for her efforts in serving on this board and being the Chairperson for the Senior
16 Advisory Sub-Committee. She was invited back to the February meeting as the other two (2)
17 people leaving the board could not make it to this meeting.
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19 **C. Overview of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board:**
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21 Mr. Moore went over the By Laws with the board, advised them to read it through and
22 come back with any questions they may have. He said he will ask this committee to make
23 recommendations and advise us on issues that are significant to some of our programs. He
24 explained that the Parks Department submits quarterly reports to the City Commission on all four
25 (4) boards. He further explained that the City Commission sets goals and objectives for the
26 boards and he will depend on this board to get some things done.
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28 **D. Nomination of Chair for Senior Advisory Sub Committee:**
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30 Mr. Moore briefed this board about the members on the Senior Advisory Sub Committee
31 (SASC). He explained that this board does several events throughout the year that are supported
32 by the Parks and Recreation Department. He explained that the Council on Aging, run by Mary
33 Micelli, a member of the SASC, distribute meals by volunteers, have recreational activities among
34 other things and he said he wants to take care of them (through the efforts of the SASC). He said
35 he will brief them on some other things at a later date as he did not want to inundate them at this
36 first meeting with all the projects scheduled.
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38 He said there are some events planned for the seniors and he wanted to get things rolling so he
39 wanted to know if someone from this board would step up and volunteer to be the Chair for the
40 Senior Advisory Sub Committee. Mrs. Brown advised that this board meets on the 4th Monday of
41 each month at 6:00 p.m. and said their next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 28, 2013 at
42 this same location. They were told it is a learning process for all of them but that Parks staff is
43 available to help walk them through the process. He advised that the staff liaison for this board is
44 Crystal Edwards, another member of the parks staff. He also mentioned that a former member
45 who had benefitted from the Council on Aging and the "Senior Center" had passed on and left
46 some money to be used either as an upgrade to the current building or to build a new center.
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1 Mr. Wilson asked Mr. Moore for his recommendation with regard to the chairperson position. He
2 wanted to know if Mr. Moore would prefer a board member on this board who already has some
3 experience as opposed to a new member just coming in. Mr. Moore said it could be a rookie or a
4 seasoned person, but said that whoever took the position would have the assistance from his staff
5 that would walk them through the process and offer assistance every step of the way.

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7 Mrs. Armon said when she was new to the Parks board she had signed up the Chairperson for the
8 Youth Advisory Sub Committee and learned as she went on, is still learning and said it is not
9 impossible to learn. She said she is still doing it, she loves it and it is very rewarding.

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11 **Motion by Julio DeLeon, seconded by Bernice Ludvick to nominate Lonnie Wilson as the**
12 **Chairperson for the Senior Advisory Sub Committee. The motion was unanimously**
13 **approved with members voting as follows: Susan Armon, For; Julio DeLeon, For; Kay**
14 **Gardner, For; Nathan Johnson, For; Bernice Ludvick, For; James W. Ruth, For; and**
15 **Lonnie Wilson, For.**

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17 **E. Athletic Sports Comprehensive Policy**

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19 Mr. Moore explained that this policy is new. He said some structure was needed as we
20 have a lot of organizations that want to use our facilities without making a reservation or having
21 insurance, so a Sports Policy was developed, a copy of which was given to each member at this
22 meeting.

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24 He told them about a major league soccer team, the Philadelphia Union who will be
25 utilizing our Dewey Boster Sports Complex for the second year, beginning on February 6th for
26 their spring training. He said we are looking to sign a multi-year agreement with the Union and
27 said they are happy to utilize our park, work with the City and the Parks staff and they found out
28 about us through the Orlando Soccer Club who played with us for the last two (2) years. He said
29 there may be opportunities for them to “pony up” with Parks for something like a locker room,
30 shower or sports injury facility. Mr. Moore also told the members that the Philadelphia Union had
31 signed with ESPN Sports to play four (4) games at Disney’s Wide World of Sports and said that
32 some of the members would be visiting local high schools for a “meet and greet” as well as to host
33 clinics for the students.

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35 **8. DIRECTOR COMMENTS:**

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37 Mr. Moore told the members about the Thornby all-inclusive playground built two (2) years ago and
38 talked about the support received from Vice Mayor Denizac for the naming and the ECHO grant
39 sponsored by Volusia County. He briefly explained that the City and the County bought the property
40 and there was a group called the Preservation Society of Enterprise who was also very involved with
41 this project along with Roy and Sandy Walters.

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43 Mr. Moore stated that the park was built on 1.75 acres of developed space, with a total of 44.34 acres.
44 He continued that \$763,000 was received from the County and the City provided a match. Mr.
45 Moore encouraged the members of this board to go by the park if they have never been. He said the
46 Thornby Park has 54 parking spaces as well as a trail that adjoins the Right of Way. He added that
47 there is an East Central Rail Trail that goes behind the Deltona Community Center and runs for about

1 20+ miles; some of which is wooden and some of which is paved with a wetlands portion behind the
2 Publix area as well as a conservation easement area. He said we are going to tie into this trail and
3 create a loop called “The Thornby Loop”.

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5 Mr. Moore added that we had submitted all the paperwork to get the support for “The Thornby Loop”
6 from Volusia County, as the partner, as well as the Walters. He said the City Commission supports it
7 and a feasibility study had been done, which is the first step. He added that Volusia County
8 Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) will support the majority of the cost of the project as
9 well as funding from an ECHO grant which the City will match. He explained that the length of the
10 trail would be about 1.63 miles which will be tied in from Thornby Park and the condominiums down
11 to Lakeshore Drive, paralleling the Right of Way through the Deltona Community Center and into
12 Green Springs Park which backs up to the East Central Rail Trail. He continued that we are in the
13 process of acquiring the Right of Way and the project is scheduled for design in July 2013 and
14 construction is expected to start in 2014.

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16 Mr. Moore briefed them on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and explained that the
17 members of the Citizen Accessibility Advisory Sub Committee (CAAS) had provided some
18 assistance for the ADA Transition Plan. He stated that we had inventoried all our facilities, including
19 the parks and said there is still a lot to do as required by federal mandate.

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21 He updated them on two (2) construction projects – renovation of two (2) basketball courts and
22 repaving at Dwight Hawkins and Firefighters Memorial Parks with a \$50,000 Community
23 Development Block Grant (CDBG) as well as the renovation of four (4) tennis courts at Wes Crile
24 Park with lighting and cameras added for security.

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26 Mr. Moore informed the members that when City Hall was being built we had gotten 10 acres from
27 Daytona State College (DSC) (thru the state) to put the facility here. He said he is on a committee
28 and there is some on-going discussion about doing a shared facility with DSC like a PE program,
29 soccer, etc. for educational purposes as this is a viable site with enough space for parking, with a
30 request to the state to see if they would give us an additional 10 acres. He said that other plans are in
31 place if this does not work out.

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33 Mr. Moore stated that there is some discussion with someone about some property (40 acres) across
34 from Station 65 by Martin Luther King Blvd. as well as some discussions between Orange City and
35 Deltona regarding sharing a stadium by Graves/Veterans which he is not sure will come to fruition.

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37 He explained about our facility use agreements with various leagues that use our fields at various
38 parks. He told them about some organizations that are not-for-profit, who utilize our fields and who
39 give back to the community like Deltona Youth Soccer, Pony League, Deltona Little League, etc. We
40 advised that we are looking to build another football field at Dwight Hawkins, two (2) baseball fields
41 at Manny and possibly adding something else to another existing facility.

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43 **9. MEMBERS COMMENTS:**

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45 a. Mr. DeLeon welcomed the new members and said this is a great group. He said that
46 Deltona has a lot going on, there are great opportunities including the 5K run.

- 1 b. Mrs. Gardner said she is totally overwhelmed by what Parks does and she is impressed as
2 she did not know all that was going on. She said she did not think about all the workings
3 of the Parks and Recreation Department and this is the beginning of a learning situation.
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5 c. Mr. Wilson said he is humbled to be here, especially with others who have more
6 experience. He added that it is a positive thing being on this board and anything he can do
7 he will so we should reach out to him. He said he will read the By Laws and the Sports
8 Policy.
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10 d. Mr. Johnson said he is impressed, these are some serious things and he wants to learn.
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12 e. Mr. Ruth told the new members that Mr. Moore had done a lot of things for them and that
13 he worked tirelessly for this board. He added that he has been on this board for 5 years
14 and that he was impressed with Mr. Moore and the Thornby project. He asked Mr. Moore
15 if Deltona Little League had been given a 90 lease when the park was turned over to the
16 City of Deltona. Mr. Moore responded no. He also asked Mr. Moore if he had heard
17 about a Rugby team and Mr. Moore said yes, they were given a field at Campbell Park.
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19 f. Mrs. Ludvick welcomed the new members and expressed her gratitude to Mr. Moore and
20 Mrs. Brown. She said this is a fine group and they had an exciting time ahead with the
21 City.
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23 g. Mrs. Armon also welcomed the new members and said it does sound exciting. She said
24 there is always a lot to learn and she is still learning.
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26 h. Mrs. Deyette said she thoroughly enjoyed being on this board and asked to be kept in the
27 loop.
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29 i. Mrs. Brown advised that the February meeting would be held in this same location and
30 explained to the members how to get in. She also told them that going forward they can sit
31 wherever they wish.
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33 **10. NEXT MEETING DATE:**

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35 The next meeting date is scheduled for Monday, February 11, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission
36 Chambers Kitchen.
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38 **11. ADJOURNMENT:**

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40 **Motion by James Ruth, seconded by Lonnie Wilson to adjourn. Motion carried with**
41 **members voting as follows: Susan Armon, For; Julio DeLeon, For; Kay Gardner, For;**
42 **Nathan Johnson, For; Bernice Ludvick, For; James Ruth, For; and Lonnie Wilson, For.**
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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Bernice Ludvick, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Steve Moore, Director