



City of Deltona

2345 Providence Blvd.
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Minutes

Parks & Recreation Citizen Accessibility Advisory Sub-Committee

Thursday, May 19, 2016

6:00 PM

Commission Chambers Kitchen

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by the Chair, Julio DeLeon.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Chair Julio DeLeon
Vice Chair Yaitza Denizac
Member Thomas Dockery
Member Patsy Dockery

Excused: 1 - Member Michele Beauregard

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES & AGENDA:

A. Regular Minutes - January 21, 2016

Mr. Dockery said that Mrs. Beauregard's name was inadvertently left off of the Minutes of January 21, 2016 and she was in attendance. Mrs. Brown explained that it must have been a system glitch and would be addressed to correct the error. Motion made and seconded to accept the Minutes with the revision.

Motion by Member Dockery, seconded by Vice Chair Denizac, to approve the Minutes of January 21, 2016.

4. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/REPORTS:

A. Announcements

Mrs. Brown told the members about the upcoming Expo event, Deltona Spruce Up and the "In the Bin" project which takes effect on June 1st.

5. PUBLIC FORUM:

Mr. Lee Lopez, the City's Public Information Officer, addressed the sub-committee. He stated that the City was working with Volusia County on an enhancement for Thornby Park, not the playground but the park itself. He said they wanted to clean up the trails, put in a foot bridge (where there was a ditch) and a ramp or graduated step down, in different areas of the park that was not people friendly. This would then be used for an outdoor classroom or a mini amphitheater for groups/tours wanting to do presentations

in the park. Mr. Lopez continued that in keeping with the functionality and the accessibility with the playground, they wanted to extend it and wanted this sub committee to provide some feedback on what type of surface would support a wheelchair, or support people using other equipment/footwear/walker to get around. He explained that this information would then be used for the partnership with Volusia County and Volusia Forever.

Mr. Moore added that there is a product called "Smart" playground which he had researched. He said it is a playground safety surface and is handicap accessible. Mr. Lopez said he wanted as many ideas and suggestions from this sub-committee as possible as he needed quantity. He said Volusia Forever would have the final say on what types of material would be used.

Mr. Dockery asked about the rubberized mulch and Mr. Lopez said the word that Volusia Forever use is "permeable" which will allow water to percolate down and they will be using rubberized mat. He said rubberized mulch is solid but when layered will allow water to percolate through.

Miss Denizac gave an example with her leg brace and the surfaces she can walk on and Mr. Lopez said those are the types of ideas he is looking for. She asked what was on the outside perimeter and Mr. Lopez responded that it was trees and underbrush. She mentioned the amphitheater where there is no barrier to hold on to and she has to be careful not to fall. Mr. Moore said a split rail fence will go all the way around at Thornby so people would have something to hold on to and the rail will be tied to the fence.

Mrs. Dockery said that with her balance issues not having the handrail is a real problem. Mr. Lopez said that he needed them to look at the big picture which includes seating surface or seating height, whatever they can think of that would be helpful or is of concern, they should let him know.

Mr. Moore advised that this is a project this sub-committee can handle. He told them there is no funding approved at this time for this project but they got the County to agree to this.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

ADA ISSUES

Mr. Moore referred the members to page 2 of the Minutes regarding him speaking with Joel Turney about parking issues. He indicated that he had spoken to Sgt. Turney who indicated that they had done their research. They (the Sheriff's Office) wanted this sub-committee to tell them what buildings or places, based on their knowledge and experience, warranted them taking a look. He said the Citizens On Patrol (COPs) have been given the flexibility to ticket people who are in violation. The sub-committee

members were happy to hear that.

The members indicated that Publix on Elkcam was noted as a problem in terms of people parking in the handicap parking spots at any time of the day. The new Dunkin Donut is also a problem, especially in the mornings, as there were only 2 handicap parking spaces and they were very busy. Mrs. Dockery said people on motor cycles park in the handicap accessible aisles just to run in for beer and cigarettes, but a van with a lift cannot park there when the motor cycle is there.

Mr. Moore said Mrs. Beauregard had also mentioned the City hosting a business seminar to educate the public. He said he will have to discuss this with Jerry Mayes, the City's Economic Development Manager.

Miss Denizac said this sub-committee should record another information video. Mrs. Dockery said that new businesses coming into the City for business tax license should be given information so they can be educated on what is required.

Mr. Dockery said businesses should chip in to a fund to get shuttles to take people to the stores. Mr. Moore said that would be expensive and involve workers compensation and insurance.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Community Expo Update

The members were briefed on the upcoming Expo regarding vendors and variety of services being provided to the public. The members all agreed to help where needed at the event.

B. Topic of Interest - Shared Information from Conference

Mrs. Brown reminded the members of the rules of the Sunshine Law and shared some information regarding board meetings that she had received at a workshop on "Successful Advisory Boards and Committees" offered by Marilyn Crotty from the University of Central Florida. She also handed out 2 sheets that showed what members of an advisory board could do. Several members representing three (3) of the Parks Boards had also attended the workshop and found the information to be quite informative and relevant.

8. STAFF COMMENTS:

A. Department Updates - Steve Moore

Mr. Moore told the sub committee that the budget approval was in process and that there is some emphasis on beautification at Saxon and Normandy and 415 and Howland. He briefly touched on the "In the Bin" project set to roll out on June 1st.

He also told them about Santa's North Pole being moved to City Hall for 2016 and the

plans for lighting up the building.

B. Next Meeting Date: June 16, 2016

9. BOARD/COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS:

Mr. DeLeon asked if there was any word on getting new members for this sub-committee. He was told that the positions were still advertised by the City Clerk's Office but no responses were received.

Mr. Dockery said Thornby is a good park but there are people living in the woods.

Mrs. Dockery said she hopes to help more this year.

Miss Denizac said that she is all for giving ideas. She said the only thing is if there is a want, then there will be a need. She said she does not mind giving advise, but if the money is needed elsewhere in the City, she does not want to take that money away unless it is coming from a grant; otherwise people will start to have resentment.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Julio DeLeon, Chair

Marlene Brown, Board Secretary