



City of Deltona

2345 Providence Blvd.
Deltona, FL 32725

Minutes

Parks & Recreation Citizen Accessibility Advisory Sub-Committee

Thursday, July 21, 2016

6:00 PM

Commission Chambers Kitchen

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:55 p.m. by the Vice Chair, Yaitza Denizac.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Vice Chair Yaitza Denizac
Member Thomas Dockery
Member Michele Beauregard

Excused: 2 - Chair Julio DeLeon
Member Patsy Dockery

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES & AGENDA:

A. Regular Minutes - May 19, 2016

Motion by Member Dockery, seconded by Vice Chair Denizac, to approve the minutes of May 19, 2016.

4. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/REPORTS:

A. Announcements

Mrs. Brown told the members about the Senior Breakfast being held on Saturday, July 23, 2016.

5. PUBLIC FORUM:

The members were very surprised and pleased to see former members Sandy and Joy Primack who came to the meeting. Mr. Primack said they are still out of the area at times so do not know when, or if, they might be back here permanently.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Community Expo Update

Mrs. Brown gave the members the result of the two (2) surveys taken at the Community Health Expo. On the first survey, geared to the public, 112 visitors completed the survey. There were 60 of the 112 who needed information for the "over 60" age group. There were various ways that the City advertised for the event and all methods seemed to have worked

well as indicated below:

29 - Flashing road signs

43 - Newspaper ads

13 - Email

40 - Other (included Facebook, the flyers at the Library, the YMCA and the City Commission Meeting)

The second survey which was completed by the 33 vendors was quite positive with the following comments: They were pleased with the variety of vendors and their services; with the amount of people who attended the event; the ambiance; spirit of cooperation from everyone; the event was very well organized; they loved the facility, the set-up and layout of the room, great atmosphere; the breakfast was thoroughly appreciated; amazing planning; friendliness of staff and volunteers; the City is always amazing to work with. There were 13 new vendors to this event and they, along with the regular vendors, all expressed their desire to return next year. Some felt this was the best one yet.

There were 4 complaints about access to Wi-Fi; advertising the event on Facebook (which it was) and giving away raffle tickets to the visitors. It was explained that door prize tickets were handed out in the past but that it interfered with the overall conversations in the room when vendors were communicating with visitors.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Feedback on Thornby Park project

Mr. Moore went over the Thornby H.E.R.E. project for the benefit of everyone. He advised that Jerry Mayes from Economic Development would be at the August meeting as he knows more about this particular project.

Mr. Moore explained that the retention pond is to the right and the playground is to the left of that and that is where the trail and open area is. He explained that approval was given by Volusia County a week ago for this project which will be completed in stages, be ADA compliant and be on-going; it will also require a grant.

There was a map passed out to everyone and Mr. Moore advised that the brown area on the drawing would be the seating area and would be done with engineered wood fibre which is ADA compliant for wheel chairs. He added that there will be 12 benches, a boardwalk from the playground area, parallel to the retention pond on the left side by the gate. He continued that the trail winds around and comes out near the layout of this map. That area will be mulched.

Mr. Moore said it will be more of an educational learning center with benches and the intent is to have classes there, more like an "outdoor amphitheater". Mrs. Beauregard wanted to know if there would be a stage and Mr. Moore responded that it would be more of a platform. He said there would be posts on the ground, but without the concrete. Mrs. Beauregard also wanted to know if restrooms would be built and Mr.

Moore responded no, that the playground restrooms would be used. Mrs. Beauregard also wanted to know if there would be ramps and Mr. Moore responded that there would be ramps up to the platform.

Mr. Dockery asked about electricity and Mr. Moore advised that yes, they were thinking about running electricity. Mr. Moore said water fountains would also be added.

Miss Denizac asked what is the age group that this project is planned for and showed him quite a few kid proof weather systems and benches that she had researched. Mr. Moore asked her to send the pictures via email to Mrs. Brown. He said the biggest hurdle would be getting the funding.

B. Other topics of interest

Mr. Moore spoke about the Halifax Health ground breaking ceremony which would take place on July 22, 2016 at Howland and Graves Avenue with that portion being called "Halifax Health Blvd" as a road was now cut. He explained that there is a retention pond and sidewalks that are ADA compliant. He said at the end it is all paved and there is a median with landscaping, already irrigated, and sod will be going in soon. He said Halifax will be building a hospital in stages with the emergency room being built first. He said the area is pretty nice.

Mr. Dockery also wanted to know if this group would be working on the on-going parking issues.

8. STAFF COMMENTS:

A. Department Updates - Steve Moore

Mr. Moore advised that he was working on a project with the School Board and the YMCA, collaborating on a program regarding bullying. He explained that he had met with Heritage Middle School and Mr. Nick Pizza regarding this matter.

Mr. Moore explained that the City has a need for basketball courts so the City would use the gym at Heritage in the evenings, staff it with City employees, run our own programs and charge for them. In return the City would pay for the bullying programs instead of paying to use the gym at Heritage. He continued that a check from the Parks and Recreation budget will be paid on September 10, 2016 so that all nine (9) elementary schools could be trained. He said the turnout for the gym would then be justification for whether or not the City needed to build a gym. He added that Deltona would be the only City in Volusia County with a bullying program in place. He added that a check will be presented to Nick Pizza at his bullying event.

Mr. Moore explained to the sub-committee that we were experiencing a lot of vandalism in the parks and that aluminum black picket fencing would be installed at Dewey Boster to deter the field vandalism, with a rolling gate at the entrance. He informed them that a PA system had been installed at Dewey Boster, prior to July 4th, for announcements and to locate missing kids/parents if necessary.

He also told them that the new senior center project would be going out to bid soon.

Mr. Dockery wanted to know if there would be any upgrade to the Deltona Community Center with access to the ramp. Mr. Moore responded that we are working on the trail.

B. Next Meeting Date - August 18, 2016

Next meeting date is scheduled for August 18, 2016.

9. BOARD/COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS:

Mr. Dockery stated that it was a good meeting and he was happy to see the Primacks. He also informed the meeting that Mrs. Dockery is resigning from this sub-committee. He was advised to have her send it in writing.

Mrs. Beauregard said it was great to have a meeting. She added that there was a lot of good potential and said that a part of her job was anti-bullying so she was happy to hear this. Mr. Moore said he would let Nick Pizza know to get her on the bullying staff. She told Mr. Moore that her organization has a domestic violence group that wants to look at bullying as that is influential with domestic violence.

Miss Denizac said it was good that they got together. She liked the potential for the Thornby classrooms. She also expressed that it was good to see the Primacks.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Yaitza Denizac, Vice Chair

Marlene Brown, Board Secretary