CITY OF PENSACOLA PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES 1st Floor City Hall, 222 W. Main St. Pensacola, FL 32502

September 20, 2018 8:00 am

PRESENT: Paul Epstein (Chairperson), David Forte, Rand Hicks, Maranda Sword, Whitney Voeltz, and Ed Wonders

ABSENT: David Mayo

CITY STAFF: Brian Cooper (Parks and Recreation Director); Heidi Thorsen (Director's Assistant); and

Tonya Vaden (Marketing Coordinator)

CITIZENS: L.A. Johnston (Pensacola Table Tennis); Blair Stephenson

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER.** Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Epstein. An oral roll call was taken.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** Board member Hicks made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2018 meeting, with a correction to the spelling of Ms. Dottie Dubuisson's name. The motion was seconded by member Forte. The minutes were approved.

3. **NEW BUSINESS.**

Pensacola Table Tennis Club presentation

Mr. Johnston mentioned that the Club had a non-sanctioned tournament to raise funds for the lights at Fricker Resource Center. Standard bulbs have been replaced by more efficient LED bulbs. The City was so impressed with the difference, they are now replacing all of the light bulbs with LED's. They received \$1,604.17 in donations for this project, as well as a check from a Club member's investment account, for a total donation of \$2,163.17. The gym floor has now been redone so they are ready to hold some sanctioned tournaments.

Usually they hold a kids camp in August where they have one day to expose children to the sport, and would like to be added back to the summer camp list. Ms. Stephenson mentioned that she heard that the top activity to putting off Alzheimer's is table tennis. Chairperson Epstein wondered about the change in power bill from changing out the lights.

4. DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE, PROJECT UPDATES.

Director Cooper brought the following updates:

- Gull Point renovations are underway. All activities have been moved to Vickrey.
- Bayview Senior Center renovations are also underway. Their activities have been moved to
 Brownsville Community Center (a property that belongs to Escambia County). We're reaching
 out to that community to hopefully bring some of their seniors back to Bayview once the
 renovations are done.
- Sanders Beach boat ramp repairs are underway.

- Bill Gregory storm water project is complete. Beginning in the spring, they'll be using the fields for baseball.
- Corrinne Jones park project is complete. Pavilions are set, we still have to put in the picnic tables and grills.
- City staff has met with the people from Garden of Peace and Hope. They have some blue prints for using a section of Corrine Jones Park.
- Bid packages for Morris Court park renovations are going out today.
- The National Fitness Court at Legion Field is now open. After October 1, we will be renovating this field.
- We received only minor damage due to Tropical Storm Gordon.
- We are installing new playgrounds at Armstrong, Kiwanis, and Hitzman Parks.
- The Mayor's Cup is coming up next month.
- On Friday night we will be participating in the Parklet project.
- We have 800 kids playing soccer. We are working on getting a soccer complex.
- We are waiting on the Mayor to approve a plan to make Bruce Beach accessible for walking/dropping boats.
- The pre-bid meeting for the new Bayview Resource Center is this week. Hopefully one or more of the bids will come in under budget. The bid opening will be the week of October 3, the same week as Council. Hopefully it will be able to go before Council that week.
- Discussion of Soccer Complex arose.
 - Per Director Cooper, we have looked at a couple different locations, we're pretty sure it will be at Hitzman. We're going to Council in October to ask permission to speak with the YMCA for a land acquisition/land exchange process to gain the property next to Hitzman on Langley Ave. If we are unsuccessful at getting that property, we can accommodate the soccer complex, it will not be laid out in a way to maximize and allow for growth. We will continue to utilize Mallory Heights 2 for soccer practice sessions.
 - Staff will be giving the information to Council before their meeting. Several members mentioned that a large turnout from the soccer community could be expected at the Council once it's on the agenda.
 - Member Forte made the following motion:
 - "I make a motion that a letter be drafted and signed by the chair in support of the item for the next Council meeting."
 - The motion passed.
 - The negotiations will be brought before Council at the November meeting.

Marketing Presentation

Coordinator Vaden brought a presentation on Marketing. She decided to forego the standard presentation and opt for a game.

- She will be incorporating an education campaign called "Did you Know?"
- The NRPA produced an article about the 3 pillars of Parks and Recreation Health and Wellness, Conservation, and Social Equity.
- Some upcoming events include
 - o Gallery Night in front of Badlands, reimagining a parking space into a park.
 - Blues on the Bay Sunday
 - o 5210 Day of Play will be Saturday. There will be a Ninja Warrior obstacle course.
 - October 5 is the Mayor's Cup, she'd like to see the Parks and Recreation Board have a team.

5. OLD BUSINESS.

Board Member Park Visitation Program.

Chairperson Epstein encouraged the Board to write down 10 parks that the members will visit
and bring them to the next meeting. These 10 parks will be parks that the members agree to
visit in the next 8-10 months. When they visit the park, write down the name and a few
characteristics, take a picture, and bring it to the meeting.

Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) update.

Chairperson Epstein asked member Hicks to come prepared next month with a 5 to 10 minute presentation on the projects that were proposed to the TPO from the BAC. The projects appeal to a wider audience than say the skate park, the general public and people who use bicycles.

It was mentioned that there is a TED talk by Jeff Speck on making cities more walkable.

6. OPEN FORUM.

- Director Cooper mentioned that at the budget meeting, the only transfer was to take \$90,000 from general athletic improvements in order to fund a new playground for Parker Circle.
- Ms. Stephenson mentioned that the East Hill neighborhood is getting younger. She's grateful for having all of the parks. Even though some may be unused for a while, after a while they may be used again.

7. ADJOURNMENT.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Pensacola Illuminate Open Table Tennis Tournament August 18th, 2018



ENTRIES	C	Collected	Paid	Profit
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TOTALS		1861.91	-357.74	1504.17
Check written to City of Pensacola, Parks and Recreation				1504.17
Charles Schwab investments also donated Directly to City				100
TOURNAMENT PROFITS				1604.17
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In addition to the Monies donated to improve the lighting, we (the Pensacola Table Tennis Club has purchased the light bulbs (LED) to replace all the bulbs in the large Social Hall

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Pensacola Table Tennis Club total Donation to the City of Pensacola is:

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