

**Recreation Commission  
Special Meeting Minutes  
City Manager's Conference Room  
January 25, 2021**

1/25/2021 - Minutes

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

**Members Present in person:** Patty McKeeman, Deborah Waldrip, Scott Blackburn - Chair, Burney Hayes, Kara Wiseman

**Members Present remotely:** Laura Donaldson

**Staff Present:** Stephanie Edwards, Support Services Manager, Jennifer Nanek City Clerk

A quorum was not present in person.

2. Communications And Petitions

3. Minutes

The December 21, 2020 minutes were reviewed but could not be approved due to lack of a quorum.

4. COVID-19 Update

Stephanie Edwards reported that everything is open except the City is not doing rentals right now.

5. Lake Wales Connector Trail Updates

Ms. Edwards said designs are 90% complete. There will be another meeting with homeowners in the area and it will be presented at the next meeting. It will then go out to bid. Patty McKeeman asked if the road will be closed near Plantation Inn Property. Ms. Edwards said not on that side just behind the library. That road off Park Avenue will be closed to vehicular traffic

6. Parks And Recreation Updates

Ms. Edwards said we are doing some programs in February including a jump rope competition.

Civic Rec is working well but there are some difficulties that they need to work through.

Stephanie Edwards reported that they are tracking usage in the gym and will post this information so people know when the gym is more or less crowded. The gym since reopening has had 490 check-ins.

There was a question about gym hours. Ms. Edwards said they don't have staff to expand hours. Maybe in the future.

Ms. Edwards reported that there is a lease agreement with Charter Schools for use of the downstairs area for a classroom. It was used for a bridge group and a weight room previously.

The chair asked about the Schools using the soccer fields. Ms. Edwards said they have used the fields for games and practices. There are challenges with the high school tennis teams using the City courts. Ms. Edwards said they are using the courts but are trying to limit usage. It got too much. She will communicate with the high school on resolving the issues. Burney Hayes asked about lights at Fraser Field. Ms. Edwards said she had no update there were no capital projects this year. The chair said those are on the wish list.

Kara Wiseman asked about the status of the parking lot between the gym and Little Theater. Ms. Edwards

said there is construction going on at the 1919 school. Some of the parking lot will still be available.

7. Recreation Master Plan

Stephanie Edwards said they are meeting with S&ME and they will talk with groups and the community to get input regarding wants and needs and priorities.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is February 15, 2021.

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Chair/Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

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Secretary