

**Recreation Commission
Board Meeting Minutes
City Manager's Conference Room
September 16, 2019
(DRAFT)**

9/16/2019 - Minutes

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

Members Present: Burney Hayes, PAL; Robert Lamar -Pram Fleet; Robbie Shields, Soccer Club; Jim Reddick - Citizen; Scott Blackburn - Chair; Kara Wiseman - Library;

Staff Present: Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk; Stephanie Edwards, Recreation Coordinator

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the August 19, 2019 were reviewed and corrected. A motion was made by Robbie Shields to approved the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

3. Review Of Ordinance

Chair reviewed the Ordinance establishing the Recreation Commission. There was discussion about recruiting other members such as someone from the Charter Schools. It was decided to remove Jennifer Leeks who has missed several meetings in favor of a new applicant. Other possible entities who might want to be included on the board were identified. The current established responsibilities were reviewed. The chair recommended developing lists of priorities to share with the Commission. The Chair encouraged members to be more diligent in their attendance so that we have a quorum.

4. National Fitness Campaign

Stephanie Edwards shared a video and materials regarding a National Fitness program that Commissioner Curtis Gibson brought back from a recent conference. There is grant funding available to help with this. This program as well as other similar programs were discussed. Ms. Edwards recommended Kiwanis Park or around the lake for this equipment. Jim Reddick made a motion to recommend that fitness equipment be added to the Crystal Lake Park Master Plan to be developed in the future. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

5. Recreational Needs

Chair recommended that members come up with lists of priorities to share with the Commission. Ms. Edwards distributed a list of our current recreation facilities and what the recommended amount is from the National Parks and Recreation Association. We are behind in all areas such as soccer fields, basketball courts and tennis courts with just our city population and is even more so when the county population is included. Many of these facilities are deficient as far as games and tournaments. These deficiencies were discussed. The Chair said that going forward new faciilties need to be game ready. This will be discussed further at the next meeting. Underused school facilities were also discussed.

6. Recreation Master Plan

Stephanie Edwards reported that there are still concerns about Crystal Lake Park and suggested an endorsement of the plan from the Recreation Commission. The Chair reviewed the process and efforts involved in the draft plan. The concerns about the plan were discussed. Robbie Shields made a motion to recommend approval of the Crystal Lake Park plan to the City Commission including the trail. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

7. Parks And Recreation Updates

Ms. Edwards said a Boy Scout is looking for an Eagle Scout project and is open to ideas. Ms. Edwards said that Lake Wales Live will start again in October and Movie nights will be back. Jim Reddick asked about the online reservation system. Ms. Edwards said we are still waiting. There was a question about the YMCA. Ms. Edwards said we are waiting on completed state appraisals and other legal issues to be resolved. Hopefully it should be complete by January.

The Chair said he would like to speak before the Commission a few times a year in the future.

8. Communications And Petitions

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.

Chair/Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary