

**Recreation Commission
Board Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
November 16, 2020**

11/16/2020 - Minutes

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

Members Present: Scott Blackburn-Chair, Patty McKeeman, Burney Hayes, Meryl Reese, Kara Wiseman,

Deborah Waldron was present remotely

Staff Present: Stephanie Edwards - Support Services/Recreation Manager, Lessie Hall- Recreation Aide, Jennifer Nanek - City Clerk, Michael Manning - Management Analyst

A quorum was not physically present.

The Chair, Scott Blackburn, called the meeting to order.

2. Communications And Petitions

3. Minutes

The October Minutes were reviewed but could not be approved due to a lack of quorum.

4. New Staff Introduction

Lessie Hall, Recreation Lead, introduced herself and shared some of her background.

Ms. Edwards said that Ms. Hall has an office in the City Administration Building right now. She will eventually be based out of the Kirkland Gym when it reopens. Ms. Edwards shared her contact information.

The Chair asked Ms. Edwards if she will still be involved in Recreation. Ms. Edwards confirmed that she would be.

5. COVID-19 Update

Ms. Edwards reported that the water fountains in the park will be turned on soon and the Kirkland Gym will be reopened soon. Meryl Reese asked if the building at the tennis courts can be opened soon. Ms. Edwards said that will reopen when the gym opens.

6. Renaming Of Lake Wales Soccer Complex

The Chair reviewed a request to rename the soccer complex after Robbie Shields. The Chair explained that they are exploring selling naming rights to the complex but we could name a field or the Concession stand for Shields. There was discussion and consensus to name the Concession stand for Robbie Shields. The exact wording was discussed. This will be revisited. This recommendation will be passed on to the Commission for a possible resolution.

7. Lake Wales Connector Trail Updates

Michael Manning, Management Analyst, shared plans to put in a trail along Park Avenue. He showed pictures of what this could look like. Driveways could be widened and parallel parking added. Ultimately they would like to extend the trail around the lake and to redo Park all the way to Wetmore from S. Lake Shore. This plan was discussed. Ms. Edwards said homeowners are in favor so long as there is some parallel parking and the widened driveways. Kara Wiseman said that many drive both ways on that road.

Ms. Edwards said we will add signage and other features to truly make Park Avenue one way. The Chair asked if this is part of the downtown Dover-Kohl project. Ms. Edwards confirmed it was. We have two firms S&ME and Chastain Skillman who are working on the designs for the downtown project. S&ME is also working on the Parks Master Plan and Chastain Skillman on the trail.

8. Parks And Recreation Updates

Burney Hayes said he is looking forward to starting their basketball season when possible.

9. Recreation Master Plan

Ms. Edwards reported that the work feasibility analysis should be done by next meeting in December. This analysis has to do with the need for a new facility.

S&ME is the firm working on the master plan. Ms. Edwards explained that recreation impact fees on new development were recently increased. The impact fees were discussed.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is December 21.

Chair/Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary