

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, HELD IN THE CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 100 N. US HIGHWAY 1, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, AT 10:00 A.M. ON THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023 .

Present: Charlene Adair; Eileen Emery; Mary Ann Durkin; Ionis Jefferson-Knowles; Patty Reconco; Renella Mitchell

Absent: Bob Burdge

Staff Present: Mike Reals, Public Works Director
Latoya Ransom, Deputy City Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Any person who wishes to comment on any subject on this Agenda may be heard at this time. Please sign the sign-up sheet in order to speak. Please limit your comments to no more than five (5) minutes, as this section of the Agenda is limited to thirty minutes. The Parks Advisory Committee will not be able to take any official action under “Comments from the Public” section.

None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of the minutes from the April 20, 2023 meeting.

Motion was made by Patty Reconco, seconded by Eileen Emery to approve the minutes as corrected.

AYE: Charlene Adair, Eileen Emery, Ionis Jefferson-Knowles, Mary Ann Durkin, Patty Reconco, Renella Mitchell

Passed

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Update on Pioneer Park Plaques Program

Mike Reals explained the vetting, nominations, and funding processes of the project.

Ms. Jefferson inquired about a list of nominees compiled by a previous committee.

Mr. Reals commented on the vetting process for nominees.

7. NEW BUSINESS

None

8. BOARD DISCUSSION

Chairwomen Adair commented on the support by the Commission on the Jaycee Park agreement.

Mr. Reals explained the process for review to get the item on the agenda in a timely manner.

Mary Ann Durkin - No comments

Renella Mitchell suggested that the Committee have name plates for meetings.

Ionis Jefferson inquired on Committee name tags or shirts.

Mr. Reals commented that this topic will be revisited.

Eileen Emery – no comments

Patty Reconco inquired if the City had been considered by Brightline for a station, the scooter program, Wi-Fi in the parks, sidewalk activities for engagement such as geocaching, involvement with the homeless population.

Mr. Reals commented on preparedness for a train station, provided an updated on the scooter program, explained the Cities in currently working on infrastructure to support Wi-Fi in the parks, and that sidewalk activities had been considered previously, but there were several boundaries with the current configuration. However, in the updated downtown proposal, sidewalk engagement has been considered.

Chairwomen Adair commented on the addition of pickle ball to Pinewood Park and how the homeless population may be affected, if there is a plan to refurbish Gulf Stream Park and Jaycee Park sidewalk access.

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Ms. Mitchell inquired about the possible upgrade of the park water fountains.

Mr. Reals commented on the possible upgrade to fill stations.

Ms. Jefferson inquired on the water fountains and requested an update on Fenn Park.

Mr. Reals explained the progress taking place within Fenn Park

Chairwomen Adair inquired if an interactive water feature will be added and making City parks more handicap accessible.

Mr. Reals confirmed that it is not currently in the plans.

9. STAFF DISCUSSION

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Patty Reconco, seconded by Mary Ann Durkin to adjourn the meeting.

AYE: Charlene Adair, Eileen Emery, Ionis Jefferson-Knowles, Mary Ann Durkin, Patty Reconco, Renella Mitchell

Passed

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.