

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, JANUARY 18, 2024 .

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Ms. Reconco arrived at 10:05 a.m.
Ms. Jefferson-Knowles arrived at 10:19 a.m.

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.

Dr. Pinky Henley commented on Pioneer Park.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Deferred for next meeting.

- a. Approval of minutes from the November 16, 2023 meeting

6. OLD BUSINESS

None

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Fishing along Melody Lane

Chairwomen Adair presented the request that the ordinance pertaining to Marina Square be extended to Melody Lane prohibiting fishing in front of the Renaissance Building.

The Board's recommendation was for further discussion.

The Board discussed parking, fishing, clean up, the possibility of banning fishing and enforcement, the pier, how long fishing has been allowed, and signage encouraging proper clean up and use of the cleaning station.

Chairwomen recommended the Board visit the site.

b. NW Pioneer's Park Name Submissions

Chairwoman Adair explained the process, guidelines, and responsibility of the Board which is vetting the nominations to submit to the Commission.

Ms. Jefferson-Knowles inquired on the original number of applications/nominations.

Ms. Mitchell inquired on a previous list.

Chairwoman Adair clarified the responsibility of the Board.

The Board reviewed the applications and determined the applications require additional research.

Ms. Jefferson-Knowles requested that the item be tabled until the next meeting.

Motion was made by Ionis Jefferson-Knowles, seconded by Bob Burdge to table item 7b.

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NAY: Charlene Adair, Eileen Emery, Mary Ann Durkin

Passed

Chairwomen Adair clarified the need for the Board to review the applications/nominations.

The Board discussed hard copy, additional research and reviewing the applications/nominations.

c. Renaming/dual-naming 14th Street

Chairwoman Adair reviewed the renaming initiation process.

The Board reviewed the emails and applications for completion and accuracy and discussed the approval of a requested street renaming.

8. BOARD DISCUSSION

Mr. Burdge commented on the maintenance of the South 29th Street baseball field.

Ms. Jefferson-Knowles commented on the maintenance of Dream Land Park on 25th Street and South Orange Avenue.

Ms. Reconco inquired the cost to the City for two people to maintain the downtown area. Mr. Burdge recommend the CRA or The Downtown Business Association for possible funding.

Chairwomen Adair commented on meeting location change and the Board determined that no changes would take place. In addition, Chairwomen Adair commented on the need for volunteers for park clean up, adopt a park so that other parks can receive blue tubes.

Ms. Jefferson-Knowles recommended reaching out to fraternities and sororities for community service and Panoramic for Sororities and Fraternities. Diane Williams 772-971-1852 and Broderick Johnson 772-359-5651 Dean of Fort Pierce Central.

9. STAFF DISCUSSION

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Ionis Jefferson-Knowles, seconded by Patty Reconco for the meeting to be adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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

Passed