
**CITIZENS RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, March 15, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Citizens Recreation Advisory Board met on Thursday, March 15, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Rockledge City Hall, 1600 Huntington Lane, Rockledge, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Laura Corbin, Ryan Cox, Michelle Doyle (arrived at 6:08 p.m., Darren Gibson, Rick Parrish (arrived at 6:04 p.m.), and Orville Susong.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Theodore Rodriguez (excused).

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Brenda Fettrow, City Manager; Alix Bernard, Planning Director, and Margaret L. Daly, Recording Secretary.

DISTRICT 4 PARKS RECREATION: Jessie Ray, Special Events Coordinator, District 4 Parks & Recreation.

OTHERS PRESENT: Caitlen Christenson, Students Working against Tobacco (SWAT) Program Director; Valarie James, Program Manager for Brevard Tobacco Initiative, and a student from Rockledge High who is a member of SWAT. (Name and address is not given so as to protect the student's identity as required by law).

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Orville Susong. The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed the Call to Order by the Chairman.

Attendance Record-See Approval of Minutes.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were not approved at this time during the meeting as a quorum was not present.

- Regular Minutes of October 19, 2017

By motion of Laura Corbin, seconded by Michelle Doyle, the minutes of October 19, 2017 and Attendance Records of 2017 and 2018 (January 18, 2018 only) were approved as individually read. Motion approved unanimously. (6:10 p.m.)

3. PERSONAL APPEARANCES / PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation: Students Working Against Tobacco (Promotion of Tobacco Free Parks)

This item was addressed at a later time during the meeting as the student who was responsible for the presentation had not arrived at this time in the meeting. The student from Rockledge High School gave members statistics on the dangers of second-hand smoke. He briefly discussed the practice of vaping (vaping has not been around long enough to determine exactly how dangerous it might be). He also informed members that one has to be at least 25 feet away from someone who is smoking before they can breathe fresh air, free of smoke. And he also informed Committee members that were present that it takes approximately 15 years for cigarette butts to decompose.

Valorie James, 715 Aurora Street, Cocoa, FL, Program Manager for Brevard Students Against Tobacco appeared before the Board and gave a brief overview of the SWAT Program. At this time it consists of members from six different schools and members from the community as well.

Caitlen Christenson, 3905 Harvest Circle, Rockledge, FL introduced herself as the SWAT Program Coordinator. She stated she is working with Beth Scarborough at Rockledge High on Rockledge's program. Ms. Christenson stated she advocates education for students so they can make an informed decision when faced with having to make a decision as to whether they'll choose to smoke or not.

A brief discussion ensued regarding "freedom of choice" and the ability to make decisions for one's self. When asked by the Chairman of the Board what they were seeking they were informed that they'd like to see the Board come out in support of the initiative in Rockledge and County-wide. A brief discussion ensued regarding freedom of choice and a motion was made:

By motion of Lauren Corbin, seconded by Ryan Cox, the Board moved to recommend support of SWAT's (Students Working against Tobacco) Promotion of Tobacco Free Parks throughout Rockledge parks and parks county-wide to City Council. Motion passed with a majority vote of: Four "Ayes" (Ryan Cox, Michelle Doyle, Laura Corbin, and Orville Susong) with one "Nay" from Rick Parrish.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Reports: Park Projects (City)

Planning Director Alix Bernard reported that:

- The Shade Structure at Larry L. Schultz Park is under construction and should be installed within the next four weeks
- The plans for the Civic Hub are 100% complete and ready to go out for bid. Work should begin on the project within the next three to six months.

- Fire Station 2 has been demolished. Ground breaking is expected to occur around May 1st

Rick Parrish arrived at this time (6:04 p.m.)

- The Rockledge Public Safety Department/Police Department is sponsoring another “Operation Shred” event on April 14th at the Church of the Latter Day Saints
- Planning Director Bernard is working with an Eagle Scout to provide bike racks at various parks throughout Rockledge

B. Report: District 4 Parks & Recreation Department

Jessie Ray, Special Events Coordinator:

- Distributed Activity Calendars for various facilities
- Reported progress is being made on repairs as a result of hurricane damage received from Hurricane Irma
- The County donated paint for work to be done by the Youth Softball League at McKnight Family Sports Complex
- Reported that the Riverwalk facility will be hosting different themed activities each month
- Announced Easter Egg events to be held at McLarty Park
- Announced Provost Park in Cocoa would be closed from March 19th through May 23rd for safety and security renovations which most like will result in an influx of park users into Rockledge Parks

At this point in the meeting a quorum was present which enabled approval of minutes and attendance records. See Item 2, Approval of Minutes (Meeting of October 19, 2017).

5. NEW BUSINESS

None.

6. REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

At this time in the meeting Item 3, PERSONNAL APPEARANCES/PRESENTATIONS, A. Presentation: Students Working against Tobacco (Promotion of Tobacco Free Parks) was discussed. Refer back to this item in the minutes to see the discussion.

7. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m. The next meeting will be held on May 17, 2018.

Submitted by:

Approved:

Margaret L. Daly
Recording Secretary

Chairman
Citizens Recreation Advisory Board