

City of Palm Bay, Florida

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Regular Meeting No. 2019-12

Held on Tuesday, the 3rd day of December 2019, in the conference Room located at the Parks and Recreation Office, 1150 Degroodt Road, Palm Bay, FL 32908

The meeting was properly noticed pursuant to law; the minutes are on file in the Parks Administration Office at 1150 Degroodt Road, Palm Bay, Florida 32908.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Donny Felix at 7:04 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

CHAIRMAN:	Salvatore Ferranti	Present
VICE CHAIRMAN:	Donny Felix	Absent
SECRETARY:	Scott Duncan	Present
MEMBER:	Denise Bowes-Valcin	Absent
MEMBER:	Anthony Harris	Present
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MEMBER:	Randy Foster	Present

ALSO PRESENT:

Fred Poppe, Director, City of Palm Bay Parks and Recreation.

ADOPTION of MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting 2019-11; November 5, 2019

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Harris to adopt the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

1. Parks and Recreation Reports – Fred Poppe, Director of Parks and Recreation

Mr. Poppe spoke about the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Outdoor Recreation in Florida 2019 State Wide Comprehensive Recreation Plan Central East Planning Region Report. Since the 1960s, Florida had undertaken a planning process

that strove for a diverse, balanced, statewide outdoor recreation system. A major part of that process was the development of a Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), a policy plan that was updated approximately every five years. The SCORP offered guidance to recreation providers and served as a framework for evaluating and meeting the state's outdoor recreation needs. For the purposes of SCORP, the state was divided into eight planning regions. These regions were the same as those used by VISIT FLORIDA, the state's official tourism marketing organization. This report focused exclusively on the Central East planning region and presented information from the 2019 SCORP and its associated participation and economic studies. Individual reports for the other seven planning regions, along with the complete SCORP, the participation study and economic study, could be downloaded from the SCORP web page at FloridaDEP.gov/Parks.

Mr. Poppe referred to page 14, to highlight the "Top Ten Desired Facilities" in our region. He noted the list mirrored many of the opportunities identified here in Palm Bay and many of the initiatives that had been proposed for planning in Palm Bay. The report also stated the estimated population growth for our region was expected to be around 20% by 2035.

Mr. Poppe then expressed concern with the potential for growth in the soon to be developed lands surrounding the St. Johns Heritage Parkway. Thus far, no money had been set aside to include new facilities in those areas.

Four playgrounds were scheduled to be closed within the next two weeks because of age and safety concerns. A press release was planned to coincide with the closures.

As part of the county assessment of .60 mils set aside for parks and recreation in the county, which was slated to end in 2020, Mr. Poppe proposed adding a referendum to next election to continue the assessment at the same rate, with the funds used as an enhancement to the current General Fund budget. This could enable the city to update and maintain the facilities it currently managed.

Mr. Foster questioned how the Board could assist in the process. Mr. Poppe explained the process that may assist for the referendum to be considered.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Ferranti commented on the well-received and well attended Nungesser Park renaming event.

Mr. Harris asked the next steps on scheduling the bus trips to sporting events. Mr. Poppe explained that there was a possibility that all trips would be canceled due to the scrutiny of the finances and the expenditure of the department to spend money that may not be recouped. All trips were on hold at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Duncan, to add millage referendum to the Recreation Advisory Board agenda for the next scheduled meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Foster, to hold the January meeting at Parks and Recreation Conference Room, 1150 Degroodt Road, Palm Bay, Florida 32908, on January 7, 2020, at 7:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Salvatore Ferranti adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm

ATTEST:

Chairman Salvatore Ferranti

Secretary Scott Duncan