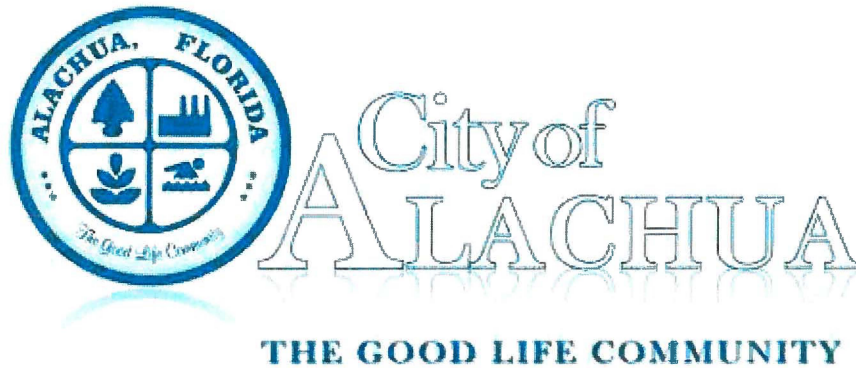




**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Minutes
June 29, 2020**

Chair Gary Kocher
Vice Chair Laurie Hall
Member Billy Rogers
Member James Curington
Member Carol Richardson

City Manager Adam Boukari

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
At 3:30 PM**

Meeting Date: June 29, 2020

Meeting Location: James A. Lewis Commission Chambers

3rd Quarterly Meeting

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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Led by Chair Gary Kocher with Member Laurie Hall absent.

INVOCATION

Led by Member Carol Richardson.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Led by Chair Kocher.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Member James Currington moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Member Richardson.

Chair Kocher opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed by unanimous consent.

I. OLD BUSINESS

A. Legacy Park Phase 2 and Inclusive Playground Update

Parks & Receptions Director Elliot Harris introduced the item and provided the staff report. He announced the ribbon cutting ceremony would take place July 1, 2020, at 9 A.M.

Chair Kocher asked about the timeframe for receiving the benches.

Parks & Receptions Director Harris stated three weeks.

II. NEW BUSINESS

B. Approve Committee Minutes for September 30, 2019

Member Curington moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Member Billy Rogers.

Passed by unanimous consent.

C. Introduction of New Member

Chair Kocher introduced and welcomed Member Richardson to the Board.

D. Increase Cultural Arts Opportunities

Parks & Receptions Director Harris introduced the item and provided the staff report.

Chair Kocher asked about the schedule.

Parks & Receptions Director Harris provided the information. He stated this was contingent upon the COVID-19 guidelines.

Member Richardson stated she was pleased with the diversity and the cultural opportunities she saw with the line up. She stated she would like to see the programs grow to events on a national level. She mentioned having a bluegrass festival.

E. Children's Trust Grant and City of Alachua Enrichment Programs

Parks & Receptions Director Harris introduced the item and provided the staff report.

Member Richardson asked about reporting to the Children's Trust Fund.

Parks & Receptions Director Harris stated staff had applied for an extension due to COVID-19, and that an annual report is submitted.

Chair Kocher asked about the duration for the grant.

Parks & Recreations Director Harris stated it is a six month grant and must be re-submitted.

Member Richardson applauded staff for doing great thing for the kids.

F. Use of Athletic Facilities

Parks & Recreations Director Harris introduced the item and provided the staff report.

Member Richardson asked about lights.

Parks & Recreations Director Harris stated the lights stay on.

Chair Kocher suggested to follow Newberry's guidelines for neighborhood parks from 7 A.M. thru 11 P.M.

Member Curington asked if the walking trails are available yet.

Parks & Recreations Director Harris stated one trail is currently open.

Member Curington moved to set the time for neighborhood parks as dawn to 10 P.M., with oversight and special provisions to be provided by the Parks and Recreations Director.

Member Richardson interrupted the floor, stating that Legacy Park should be open until 11 P.M.

Assistant Deputy City Clerk LeAnne Williams suggested that Legacy Park be contained in a separate motion.

Member Richardson declared Member Curington's motion as dead.

Member Curington moved to set the time for neighborhood parks as dawn to 10 P.M., with oversight and special provisions to be provided by the Parks and Recreations Director; seconded by Member Rogers.

Passed by unanimous consent.

Chair Kocher asked about the noise ordinance.

Parks & Recreations Director Harris stated he would need to research this information. He stated there could be special event permits for extended hours at the park.

Parks & Recreations Director Harris said we need to get back with that information. He stated that in the future, Legacy Park will need to be secured with fencing. He stated staff has set schedules and programs. He informed the Board that Legacy Park closes at 9 P.M., the staff cleans Legacy Park, and leaves the park at 9:30 P.M.

Member Richardson asked if the entire part was closed when the building at Legacy Park was closed.

Chair Kocher asked how this would affect special events.

Discussion ensued regarding walking trails and public access.

Parks & Recreations Director Harris suggested the item be tabled while he researches walking trails.

Member Curington asked what facilities the City owns.

Parks & Recreations Director Harris provided the information,

Parks & Recreations Director Harris spoke about requiring outside groups to rent the fields, while giving priority to City of Alachua groups, who can still use the fields for free.

Chair Kocher agreed.

Member Curington asked about supervision of the grounds for activities like people playing golf or setting up archery.

Parks & Recreations Director Harris provided information.

Member Rogers spoke on liability insurance and groups needing to provide their own.

Member Richardson asked what was considered organized.

Parks & Recreations Director Harris provided the information.

Member Richardson suggested staff come back with more information.

Chair Kocher stated he wanted to hold an Adjourned Meeting, set for July 27, 2020, to revisit this item.

Chair Kocher asked for Wide Spaces Public Places information to be placed on this agenda, as well as Marketing and Communication for the Parks Department.

III. BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Member Curington expressed concern over COVID-19 and thanked Parks & Recreations Director Elliot Harris for his help keeping the parks going and healthy.

Chair Kocher would like Parks Department's activities and information on the website, earlier and more often: the Parks Department has bragging rights for all they have accomplished.

Member Rogers stated promoting is the key. She stated the information needs to get to the citizens.

Member Richardson thanked the City for allowing her be a part of this Board. She stated she is a good marketer.

Parks & Recreations Director Elliot Harris thanked the Board for their input.

IV. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Chair Kocher opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

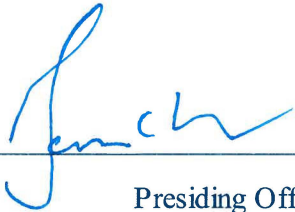
ADJOURN

Member Richardson moved to adjourn; seconded by Member Curington.

Passed by unanimous consent.

ATTEST:

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY
BOARD OF THE CITY OF ALACHUA,
FLORIDA

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Presiding Officer

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Staff Liaison