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THE GOOD LIFE COMMUNITY

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes March 28, 2022

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

City Manager Mike DaRoza

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board At 4:00 PM

Meeting Date: March 28, 2022

Meeting Location: James A Lewis Commission Chambers

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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Led by Chair Carol Richardson.

INVOCATION

Led by Member Malcolm Dixon.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Led by Chair Richardson, with Member Laurie Hall absent.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Member Travis White moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Member Dixon.

Chair Richardson opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed by unanimous consent.

I. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Approve Committee Minutes for September 28, 2021

Chair Richardson moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Member Jovante Hayes.

Passed by unanimous consent.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- B. Introduce New Recreation Advisory Board Members and Vote on Chair and Vice Chair

Each new board member introduced themselves and gave a brief summary of their experience.

Member Dixon moved that Carol Richardson be elected as Chair of the Board; seconded by Member Hayes.

Chair Richardson opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed by unanimous consent.

Some discussion was made as to whether Vice-Chair Laurie Hall should remain in that position.

Member Dixon moved that Jovante Hayes be elected as Vice-Chair; seconded by Member White.

Chair Richardson opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed by unanimous consent.

C. Sunshine Law and Public Records Presentation

Deputy City Clerk LeAnne Williams presented the presentation.

D. Parliamentary Procedure

Deputy City Clerk Williams presented the presentation.

E. Pickleball Presentation

Recreation and Culture Director Elliot Harris introduced the item.

Mary Rossow presented the item.

Member Dixon thanked everyone for coming and gave his support.

Member White gave his support, as well.

Chair Richardson asked how many courts would be needed for this activity, and asked about Wild Spaces/ Public Places as a source of funding.

Recreation and Culture Director Harris acknowledged their concerns and stated that there was also budgetary concerns he also noted there was a master plan designated for park development. He stated that a lot of the funding came from Wild Spaces/Public Places, and there was a wish list that was reviewed annually.

Martha Howard came forward and stated her views in favor of pickleball and designated courts.

Recreation and Culture Director Harris informed the Board of the times when the courts are open for pickle ball.

Peggy Arnold came forward and voiced a concern that some youth had been turned away from the basketball courts when it was being used for pickleball.

Diane Morgan came forward and stated that there needs to be some focus on the Seniors, and spoke in favor of designated courts.

Member White asked if it was possible to amend the wish list for Wild

Spaces/Public Places.

Member White moved to adjust the budget wishlist for Wild Spaces/Public Places to change from tennis courts to pickleball courts; seconded by Member Dixon.

Chair Richardson opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

Passed by unanimous consent.

F. Legacy Updates

Recreation and Culture Director Harris gave the update.

Chair Richardson stated she was glad to see the art for seniors.

III. BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Chair Richardson opened the floor for comments.

There were no comments.

IV. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mary Rossow asked if they would consider placing pickle ball in the summer recreation program. She stated that the kids enjoy watching them play, and she feels they would enjoy the sport.

Recreation and Culture Director Harris stated that it would be a welcome addition, although they have around 150 kids.

Chair Richardson asked what a tournament looks like.

Ms. Rossow provided the information.

Evan Pollock stated he believes pickle ball is good for mind and body and a very productive thing for youth to do.

Bill Hart stated pickle ball is at the beginning of a trend as the residents are getting older.

Vice Mayor Shirley Green Brown stated she had learned much at the meeting and was interested in learning to play pickle ball. She thanked the board for their service and the citizens for their comments.

ADJOURN

Member White moved to adjourn; seconded by Member Dixon.

Passed by unanimous consent.

ATTEST:

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

Carol Richardson

Presiding Officer

Stephanie McDonald

Staff Liaison