

City of Cooper City
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
August 4, 2014

The Recreation Advisory Board was called to order by Luann Scott.

IN ATTENDANCE: The following Recreation Advisory Board Members were present: Lu Ann Scott, Gina Chandler, Charmayne Dent, Laurie Kruzel, Myriam Van Mallegem, and Trinidad Gai

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Eddie Rogacki, Paul Megna, Dr. David Rouse, Pete Dourvetakis

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Joe Thiry, David Kolasa, Diana Morales

GUESTS: Resident Beth Kroll and Tony Beletto

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Back to School Camp is now being offered for the last two weeks at the Community Center for grades Kindergarten through 8th grade.
- Summer Swim Lessons have concluded and the Fall Lessons will start the first week of September.
- A Back to School Swim Party/Recreation Open House is on Saturday, August 16th from 11:00am-3pm. at the Pool and Tennis Center.
- The July Food Trucks were another successful annual event held on Friday, July 18th at the Sports Complex.
- A Thank You Dinner for all City Board members was held at City Hall in July. Those in attendance recommended everyone be provided a name tag and the event to be hosted prior to the summer due to many members not able to attend due to summer vacations. The Commission thanked all the Boards for their time and efforts and plan to visit future Board meetings as well as requests that Boards provide yearly progress reports to the Commission.
- The Commission accepted continuation of the "For the Good Grant" through 2015 in the amount of \$20,000. The City hosted a Historical Open House in July. The event was well received even though the attendance number was minimal. A weekend Tree Inventory training with Diana Guidry was done at Ted Ferone Park with a group of volunteers. Neighborhood park tree inventory trainings will continue in order to encourage residents in their immediate area to participate. Cooper City High School is hosting an open house on Saturday, July 9th for the community to attend.
- Pickleball has been moved to Monday evenings.
- A meeting to design the passive park area of the 27 acre Park on Flamingo Road was held with the City Manager. The area will host several pavilions, restroom facility, walking/bike paths and playground.

- The request to allow dogs in our parks has been brought forth to the commission who requested the Recreation Advisory Board review and make recommendations. The discussion will be brought up under old business.
- Additional Upcoming Events - September 6th-Flag Retirement Ceremony held at the Community Center, September 7th-Grandparent's Day event held at the Pool and Tennis Center, and September 19th-Mom and Son Night of Fun held at the Community Center.

OLD BUSINESS: The City Commission requested the Recreation Board make recommendations concerning dogs being allowed in city parks on a 6 foot leash. Resident Beth Kroll spoke to the Board concerning the dog ordinance and the possible changes that may occur to allow dogs in our parks. Ms. Kroll expressed concerns regarding recent reports of bacterial infections spreading from dogs to humans and shared backup information. The Recreation Committee discussed the issue and recommends that the City adheres to ordinance 12-44 on page 238 in not allowing dogs in the parks. The Board recommended that a committee be appointed to look at the possibility of locating a dog park in Cooper City if an appropriate space can be located.

NEW BUSINESS:

MEMBER CONCERNS:

NEXT MEETING DATE: September 8th at the Pool & Tennis Center

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes completed by: Debbie Ginsburg

The foregoing Minutes were approved on: SEPT 8, 2014.



Chairperson
Recreation Advisory Board