

City of Cooper City  
**RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
June 2, 2014

The Recreation Advisory Board was called to order by Chairperson Joe Thiry.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The following Recreation Advisory Board Members were present: Gina Chandler, Trinidad Gai, David Kolasa, Laurie Kruzal, Myriam Van Maellegem, Diana Morales, Luann Scott and Joseph Thiry.

**Not in Attendance:** Charmayne Dent, Pete Dourvatakis, Paul Megna, Eddie Rogacki, and Dr. David Rouse

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- Summer Camp begins – Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> for Elementary school aged children at the Pool and Tennis Center and the Community Center with Student Assistant Volunteers (SAV's) will be assisting with the camps. The Teen camp will be hosted at CCHS - Reciprocal Use Agreement was approved
- The May swim session was successful and Summer Swim lessons begin June 9th.
- Published and distributed Sumer Kids News to schools.
- For the Good Grants: Waiting on confirmation of how much more funding the City will receive
- Reciprocal Use Agreement with Broward County School Board was up for renewal and on May 13th, the Commission approved the renewal.
- Optimist - Field Usage Agreement Workshop was on May 8th with back and forth dialogue and discussion between the Optimist and Cooper City residents.
- Postcards will soon be available at the Centers for residents to participate in an on-line Survey regarding University Drive upgrades.
- Upcoming Events - Saturday, June 7th - Pool Party, June 14th - Touch-A-Truck, Father's Day - Dad's Swim Free, July 18th - Food Trucks Rolling into Cooper City at the Sports Complex.

**OLD BUSINESS:** A concern about the number of "No Dogs Allowed" signs posted at Ted Ferone Park was discussed. The Board agreed to present to the commission in the near future recommendations to allow dogs in some of our parks inclusive of specific restrictions such as being on a 6 foot leash, responsible to pick up after your dog, etc. Residents can vote for the "Bark for your Park" contest at [www.petsafe.net](http://www.petsafe.net) for Cooper City to win a \$100,000.00 to build a PetSafe dog park.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Commissioner's have concerns regarding Boards and the meeting attendance policy of the members. The attendance policy from the Cooper City code states in Section 5 that if a member has unexcused absences for more than 33% of regularly scheduled meetings in a twelve month period, the Chairperson shall inform the commission in writing so that appropriate action may be taken. Several members of the Recreation Board may not currently be in compliance with this policy. From this point forward, the members of the Recreation Advisory Board voted to adhere to this policy. It was suggested that all members re-evaluate their current time commitment in serving as an active member of the Board and communicate to the Chairman if they need to step down from the Board at this time. The Board agreed that an excused absence would be given if the Board member notifies the chairperson of their absence. No communication would constitute an unexcused absence.

**MEMBER CONCERNS:**

**DISCUSSION ITEM:**

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Monday, July 7th at the Sports Complex-Pickleball courts.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes completed by: Debbie Ginsburg

The foregoing Minutes were approved on: 7/7/14, 2014.

  
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Chairperson  
Recreation Advisory Board