

City of Cooper City
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

August 3, 2015

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

IN ATTENDANCE: David Kolasa, Michael Mogerman, Diana Morales, Gina Chandler, Laurie Kruzel, Luann Scott, and Joe Thiry.

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Ivan Roiz, Charmayne Dent, and Trinidad Gai

GUESTS: Jamie Curran - Cooper City Commissioner, Bruce Loucks - Cooper City Manager, Jim Bowman - Cooper City Public Works Director, and Walt Jolliff.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- ✓ Recreation Summer Programs are going well with three weeks remaining. The last two weeks all campers are located at the Community Center for "Back to School Camp".
- ✓ Swim lessons have been on schedule until last week when due to a chlorinator issue the pool had to be closed. The closure afforded the opportunity to install the new pool pump. One more session of swim lessons will be offered for the summer. After school begins several fall swim sessions will be offered.
- ✓ Overall youth and adult summer programs are going well. Adult programs included a 4th of July Hotdog Luncheon and will have a "Carnival" themed Luncheon the last week of August.
- ✓ Staff has been meeting with program instructors to begin youth and adult classes in September at both recreational facilities. Plan to see Pickleball commencing again this fall. The camp played Pickleball at C.C.H.S. this summer. The goal is to determine resident support of the program prior to placing permanent courts in the hockey area at the Sports Complex.
- ✓ Staff have prepared the upcoming 2015-16 Event Program Calendar. Dates are subject to change.
- ✓ Noted Community Events: This summer the city provided two successful Truck Events: Touch-a-Truck was held on June 20th had a huge crowd turnout. Food Trucks Rolling into Cooper City was held on July 17th at the Sports Complex. A Back to School Pool Party will be offered on Sunday, August 23rd in which resident children will be allowed in at no charge. Games and activities will be offered poolside.
- ✓ Upcoming community events and programs include:
 - Flag Retirement Ceremony on Friday, September 11th at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Center.
 - Grandparents Day, Sunday, September 13th at 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Pool & Tennis Center.
 - Mom-Son Night of Fun - Friday, September 18th at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center with dinner, dancing and fun for Cooper City Moms and Sons, K-5th Grade.
 - The Fall Community Garage Sale is on Saturday, September 26th at 7:00 a.m. at the Sports Complex followed by the Community Book Swap on Friday, October 2nd, at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

- ✓ The tree inventory project has completed throughout our residential streets. The remaining trees to be counted are in the parks and street medians. The total number of counted trees through June was 7921. Many homes do not have trees in the swale area.
- ✓ The Commission has had several budget workshops and a Special Budget Meeting. Encourage everyone to attend meetings or view online. They City budget will be finalized the in September.
- ✓ It is currently season for the Cooper City Optimist tackle football / cheerleading / and flag football programs. Recent issues in the news are being dealt with appropriately with the Optimist with support by the City. On Thursday, July 30th, residents were invited to a Community Outreach Program with speaker Lauren Book concerning Preventing Sexual Abuse. The intent of the program was community hope, healing and education and it achieved its purpose.

MEMBER CONCERNS:

Jim Bowman, Public Works Director, provided information to the Board on the duties and responsibilities of the Public Works Department. Several of the members had several specific questions which were addressed. If additional questions arise at future meetings not attended by Mr. Bowman he suggested providing the information to Ms. Good who could bring the issue to Public Works

Flamingo Road update: The plan for the passive area is to put in a walking pathway around the lake, parking, and a dog park area. Eventually, Flamingo Road Park will have picnic shelters, restrooms, playgrounds, walking trails and parking. The park is in design now, with construction hopefully starting in January/February. Currently energy and funding is being put into rehabilitating the Sports Complex per City Manager, Bruce Loucks. Sports Complex renovations include: Upgrade lighting, replace stops for fencing, paint and re-roof buildings and putting a restroom on the far east side of fields. The City is moving toward maximizing the capacity of the Sports Complex to include one synthetic turf field before spending money on Flamingo Road Park. A Commission Workshop in October will discuss the pros and cons of synthetic turf.

The City Manager distributed page 3 of the Resolution 14-4-1 to the Board. Commissioner Jamie Curran provided several comments on the duties of the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Members were asked to visit some of the City parks before next meeting. Discussion followed on ideas for a new dog park in Cooper City or better access to existing dog park in Monterra.

PUBLIC INPUT:

- a). Dog Parks - Is there a possibility for a dog park area in an existing park in Cooper City?
- b). Synthetic turf - Concern expressed about children's immune system affected by synthetic turf. Cooper City guest Walt Jolliff suggested to the Board that they go to two different examples of synthetic fields: Tamarac or Cypress Bay High School to see the new technology and different types of synthetic fields prior to the Commission Workshop in October.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Monday, September 14, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes completed by: Debbie Ginsburg

The foregoing Minutes were approved on:

Sept 1, 2015.


Chairperson
Recreation Advisory Board