

City of Cooper City  
**RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

January 5, 2015

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** David Kolasa, Paul Megna, Dr. David Rouse, Joseph Thiry, Gina Chandler, Charmayne Dent, Laurie Kruzell, LuAnn Scott, and Trinidad Gai.

**NOT IN ATTENDANCE:** Eddie Rogacki and Diana Morales

**GUESTS:** None

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- The Community Center hosted the Teen Council Board Meeting on December 3rd. The teens assisted with Light-Up Cooper City with face painting / fun tattoos and placement and clean up of the luminaries' bags.
- Light Up Cooper City in Memorial Park was on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> with approximately 1500+ in attendance.
- The December Holiday Adult Luncheon was held on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center.
- The sold out Breakfast and Lunch with Santa took place on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center.
- No School Camp for resident youth kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> grade was hosted at the Pool & Tennis Center on Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> followed by Holiday Camp through January 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Grant Updates:** Four (4) Tree Inventory Trainings were held throughout the month on Wednesday mornings. The Historical Committee met concerning the development of the Founder's Day Historical Display. This year the display will be focused on the Fire and Police Department / BSO in Cooper City. At the upcoming Senior Lifestyle Expo the current historical display will be set up in the conference room for attendees to view. Volunteers for the tree inventory will be sought.
- The "Kids News" for January was prepared and taken to the elementary schools today.
- One of our long time PT lifeguards/Water Safety Instructors, Chad Turnipseed, has resigned to focus on other opportunities.
- Father / Son Adventure will be held on Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Community Center for K – 5th Grades with a Science theme. Tickets go on sale beginning December 10<sup>th</sup>.
- A Senior Lifestyle Expo will be held on Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. Funding for the event was requested by the Senior Advisory Board for marketing and

incidentals for the event. This free event is open to the public. Memorial Hospital is the title sponsor. There are additional vendors plus the Cooper City Recreation Department who will offer seminars and demonstrations promoting services and programs to attendees.

- The Florida Licensing on Wheels (FLOW) mobile will be at the Community Center on January 20th.
- Free Open Play Chess begins at the Pool and Tennis Center on January 24th.
- Say "I Do" ...Again takes place on Thursday, February 12th at City Hall.
- Community Center will host Cooper City's Got Talent on February 20<sup>th</sup>.
- At the December 4th Commission Workshop an overview of the passive park section of Flamingo Park was given. Direction was given by the commission to look at the cost of adding a dog park area and restrooms in the southwest corner of the park. The commission also discussed dogs in City parks. No action was made by the commission to make any changes to the current ordinance regarding animals in City parks. The Chair will discuss the meeting in detail under old business as he attended and spoke at the workshop meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Currently the pickleball courts located at the Sports Complex have portable nets that are set out each week. A question was posed about making the court netting permanent so that participants could play at additional times than those currently offered. Recreation staff will look into the recommendation.

**OLD BUSINESS:** December 4th Commission Workshop - Dog Ordinance will remain as is - no dogs in parks. Recommendations for the Flamingo Park Passive Park area - the Commission has asked the City to see what the cost would be to extend the fencing for a dog area, more parking and rest rooms at the other end of the park. For next meeting, members were requested to try to think of community communication signage for swales and parks that educate people to pick up after their dogs, but are humorous (example: If your dog poops, please scoop!)..

**MEMBER CONCERNS:** A member requested that additional umbrellas be placed around the pool during operating hours. Currently the guards have been placing only their umbrella out at times. Staff assured the Board that additional umbrellas are available and will be placed out on deck for patrons to utilize.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Monday, February 2nd.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes completed by: Debbie Ginsburg

The foregoing Minutes were approved on: February 2, 2015.

Blair L. Scott

Chairperson

Recreation Advisory Board