

City of Cooper City
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

June 1, 2015

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Joe Thiry, David Kolasa, Michael Mogerman, Ivan Roiz, Diana Morales, Gina Chandler, Charmayne Dent, Laurie Kruzal, and Luann Scott.

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Trinidad Gai

Introductions were made by all the Board members as a welcome to new Board member - Michael Mogerman.

GUESTS: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- ✓ The Adult Tea Luncheon was hosted on Friday, May 8th followed by the sold-out Annual Mother/Daughter Tea on Saturday, May 9th both very successful events held at the Community Center.
- ✓ Griffin and Embassy Creek Elementary Schools hosted their 5th grade STAR Dances at the Pool and Tennis Center. Pioneer Middle School hosted their 8th grade dance at the Community Center.
- ✓ Several resident moms came to the pool for the Mother's Day Swim Free Day at the Pool and Tennis Center on Mothers Day. The same program will be held on June 21st in recognition of Father's Day.
- ✓ The full time recreation employees and PT 29 staff assigned to the front offices of the faculties completed CPR / AED training the month of May.
- ✓ In May, Full time employees participated in a customer service training program presented by the *Red Shoe Institute*.
- ✓ Preparations for next year's budget have been underway. The Commission meets to discuss the budget in July, budget hearings will be in July and August, and budget approval is in September.
- ✓ New River Girl Scouts Service Unit had an end of the year luncheon on Sunday, May 17th at the Pool and Tennis Center honoring the volunteer leaders. New River Girl Scouts has been part of Cooper City for over 25 years. The Scouts assist with preparing the fun run/walk bags for the Founders Day One Mile Run/Walk, clean up after Founder's Day both at the Community Center and Brian Piccolo Park, provide activity games during Light Up Cooper City as well as clean up the area the next day, maintain two garden area at the Community Center, assist with the Flag Retirement Ceremony in September, help stuff eggs for the Egg Hunt, Founder's Day Run/Walk bags and more. Many troop leaders host their meetings at the Community Center and Pool and Tennis Center. New River Service Unit is now merging with parts of Davie and Pines scout troops. The Service Unit will be selecting a new name in the near future. We have met with the current New River Service leadership to discuss requirements for continued meetings to be held in City

- facilities. Troops meeting in Cooper City facilities will require the leader to be a Cooper City resident and more than 50% of the girls must be Cooper City residents.
- ✓ Residents can take advantage of getting their license renewed through the Flow-mobile program offered at the Community Center six times per year as well as Homestead Exemption filing that is also offered six times per year at the Community Center.
 - ✓ During May the Mayor's Chess Challenge was held in conjunction with the Broward County Chess Club on Saturday, May 23rd at the Community Center. There were over 60 people in attendance. The Challenge is usually held at the Pool & Tennis Center, and we are seeking thoughts to improve our community attendance.
 - ✓ The pool was closed for several days in May. A situation with the chlorinator created an overabundance of chorine in the pool.
 - ✓ Numerous private party rentals continue to be hosted at both facilities.
 - ✓ Seven Tree Inventory Trainings were held throughout the month of May. 75% of the swale trees in Cooper City have been completed. The grant is scheduled for completion at the end of June.
 - ✓ Aquatics programs are doing well. Swim lessons for the month of May were 98% residents with our summer swim lessons proving to provide the same attendance demands. If spaces in classes remain open prior to a session start, non-residents can register for lessons beginning at noon on the Sunday before the lesson session begins. Our summer Splash Program begins next week which allows prospective swim team participants to practice alongside the swim team several days a week.
 - ✓ The summer Youth Camps begin June 8th. The camps are hosted at the Community Center and Cooper City High School. Additional summer class programming is being offered at the Pool and Tennis Center due to the decision to move camps to only these two sites. Several of the current adult programs hosted at Community Center have moved to the Pool and Tennis Center.
 - ✓ Touch-A-Truck is scheduled on Saturday, June 2nd, the day before Father's Day, from 9:00 a.m. – noon.
 - ✓ Staff is working on Food Trucks Rolling Into Cooper City scheduled for Friday, July 17th at the Sports Complex.
 - ✓ The summer "Kids News" was prepared and 2,600 were distributed to the elementary schools the last week of May.
 - ✓ A Summer Fun at the Pool Party will be held at the Pool and Tennis Center on Friday, June 5th from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS: The Board was requested to vote on a budget request for FY 2015/2016 should the Recreation Board members feel a budget is necessary. In review of the request, no funding was requested. The Board discussed their Board duties and responsibilities. Many of their duties address the city parks and playgrounds in addition to the recreational programs. Because numerous questions are being raised regarding the parks and playgrounds by the Board members and no one from the Public Works Department, who maintains the parks and playgrounds, is present at their meetings, direction was given to the chairman to request a staff person from Public Works attend the next Recreation Advisory Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Development of the passive park area of the Flamingo Road Park will soon begin again. Several of the grants obtained for the development of the park have a required completion deadline of June 2016.

MEMBER CONCERNS: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, August 3, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes completed by: Debbie Ginsburg

The foregoing Minutes were approved on:

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Chairperson
Recreation Advisory Board