

City of Cooper City

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

November 2, 2015

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

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

GUESTS: N/A

MEMBER CONCERNS: Joe Thiry announced to the Board that he is sumitting his resignation from the Board effective at the conclusion of the meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Book Swap, Friday, October 2nd from 5:30 – 7:30 p at the Community Center. 5:30 p – 5:50 is the “Kids Only” time / 6:00 p.m. for all ages to enter. It was a very successful event with over 150 Cooper City residents in attendance.
- The Teen Council held their first meeting of the school year October 7th. There are 27 Middle School and High School aged children on the Council. Annie Boyle oversees the Council, meets with them monthly, and provides volunteer service opportunities for the teens at many of the special events the city hosts. Some of the members recently assisted with the Book Swap and Trick or Treat Shop to Shop.
- The director attended a meeting concerning the Community Autism Event offered by Cooper City BSO and Davie Fire Department to be held on Sunday, November 22nd from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the BSO District Fire Department. Fliers are posted at facilities and online.
- No School Camp was held at the Community Center on Friday, October 23rd.
- The Cooper City Challengers, a social club for residents with special needs, met in October for a Bingo night, game night and a Halloween party.
- Trick or Treat Shop to Shop was held on Saturday, October 24th at Countryside Shops – the event was very well attended. The mayor and 2 commissioners judged. Teen Council members hosted 4 game activities. BSO Fire Dept. brought their fire truck and the Police Explorer program distributed information and trinkets from BSO.
- An Adult Halloween Luncheon was held on Friday, October 30th with many of the participants in costume for the Halloween themed event.
- The monthly Kid's News was finalized this weekend and will be distributed this week to our Cooper City elementary schools.
- Tree Inventory Grant update – The tree inventory is finishing up with Utilities Department on Thursday night then afterwards, they will tour the the Utilities Plant.

- A Senior Lifestyle Expo will be held on Saturday, January 16th at the Community Center. Staff are currently working on details with the assistance from the Senior Advisory Board.
- Staff are working on the start of a walking club at Sports Complex which would open the Sports Complex at a designated time during the day so residents can walk around the complex while enjoying the company of others. The location provides necessary restrooms and parking.
- Permanent Pickleball pole and nets have been purchased and will be placed at the Sport Complex in the coming months.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dog Park - A report submitted to the Commission by Recreation Advisory Board with suggestions from the September meeting. Commission was very receptive to the report; a lot of the comments were mirrored from Markham Park's Dog Park.

Artificial Turf Workshop - The concern that people have is rubber. No one wants to see a product go in that is going to make anyone sick. People want to know what the options are besides rubber, and what are the costs and effects of these options.

NEW BUSINESS:

Park audits are going to be done by Recreation Advisory Board Members.

At the last Commission Meeting, basketball poles in the swales were brought up for discussion. People are not supposed to have basketball nets in their swale because it is technically a maintenance right of way. Code Enforcement has recently been giving out citations to people because it is liability. Many of the members expressed concern over having the poles in the swale due to safety issues. The Recreation Advisory Board will need to provide information back to the commission.

A new Recreation Advisory Board Chairperson will need to be appointed at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE: December 7, 2015

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes completed by: Debbie Ginsburg

The foregoing Minutes were approved on:

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Debra L. Scott

Chairperson
Recreation Advisory Board