

City of Cooper City  
**RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
September 8, 2014

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The following Recreation Advisory Board Members were present:  
David Kolasa, Eddie Rogacki, Joe Thiry, Diana Morales, Gina Chandler, Charmayne Dent,  
Laurie Kruzel, Luann Scott and Trinidad Gai

**NOT IN ATTENDANCE:** Paul Megna, Dr. David Rouse, Pete Dourvetakis

**EXCUSED ABSENCES:** Myriam Van Mallegem

**GUESTS:** Residents Beth Kroll, John and Kathy Orlando

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- Fall recreational classes began at the Community and Pool & Tennis Centers.
- Fall Swim Classes started and will be offered during the month September. New swim classes will resume in April of 2015.
- Additional Silver Sneakers classes were added due to an increase in class attendance.
- Distributed monthly Kid News to the elementary schools the second week of school. Advised the Board members to go online and sign up for monthly email blast of upcoming city events. Registration for the email blast is located on the opening page of the Cooper City website: [www.coopercityfl.org](http://www.coopercityfl.org).
- The yearly Flag Retirement Ceremony in honor of Patriot Day was held on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. The event included recruitment for local Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops.
- The annual Grandparent's Day Celebration at the Pool & Tennis Center on September 7<sup>th</sup> where 41 participants joined in on the Candyland-themed activities. All of the attendees enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon of ice cream, activities and a photo to take home of their special day together.
- The Fall Community Garage Sale registration began on Tuesday, September 2. A few spaces are still available. The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-12:00pm at the Sports Complex.
- Pickleball will be hosted at the Sports Complex on Mondays & Thursdays for the next two weeks.
- Carol Adams, Senior Administrative Specialist for the Commission will now be the contact for all Cooper City Boards. All correspondence will come from her. She will email everyone and request a response to her email regarding attendance. Keep an eye out for her email.

- A representative from Public Works has been requested to attend the monthly meetings. The parks and sport complexes are maintained by Public Works. A representative would be able to assist in providing up to date information relating to the parks.
- During last months discussion concerning dogs in the parks a question concerning Monterra Dog Park was asked. The Public Works director and I visited Monterra Dog Park that is open to the public. Visitors enter from the Pine Island entrance. Visitors must provide Driver's License ID and vehicle tag number. Visitors park at the clubhouse then walk across the street and follow a path along the power lines south to two areas fences areas, one for smaller dogs, 20/25 pounds and the other for larger dogs. A workshop date is to be set in the near future by the commission to discuss dogs in city parks. Any recommendation made by this Board will need to be made via a letter to Commission and a representative should be at the workshop.
- At the next meeting the recreation staff will be seeking input concerning the Pool & Tennis Center facility fee structure.
- Additional Upcoming Events - Mom and Son Night of Fun will held at the Community Center on Friday, September 19th. The Community Garage Sale will be held at the Sports Complex on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. The Community Book Swap will be held on Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Resident Beth Kroll spoke to the Board concerning the dog ordinance and the possible changes that may occur to allow dogs in our parks again because there were not enough members at the last meeting for a quorum. Ms. Kroll expressed concerns regarding recent reports of bacterial infections spreading from dogs to humans and shared backup information. John and Kathy Orlando also discussed the dog ordinance. The Recreation Committee discussed the issue of dogs in parks with leash restrictions and took a vote. The results were: 5 members for dogs with leash restrictions and 4 with no dogs in parks. The Recreation Advisory Board will re-address the topic at the next meeting and will define the restrictions to come up with recommendations to send to the Commission.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A member recommended that at Ted Ferone Park either moving the existing recycling container closer to the basketball courts or getting another container and locating at the courts.

**MEMBER CONCERNS:** Please have the spiders checked at Tamarind Park.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** October 6, 2014 at the Pool and Tennis Center

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes completed by: Debbie Ginsburg

The foregoing Minutes were approved on:           OCT 8          , 2014.



Chairperson  
Recreation Advisory Board