

**CITY OF COOPER CITY
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP
DECEMBER 4, 2014
6:30 PM**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ross called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Commissioners Green, Curran, Mallozzi, Sims and Mayor Ross.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Ross invited the community to participate in "Light Up Cooper City" on December 5th at 6:00 p.m. in Memorial Park and in Breakfast or Lunch with Santa on December 13th at the Community Center.

Commissioner Mallozzi announced that Pioneer Middle School Band will be selling baked goods at "Light Up Cooper City."

Commissioner Curran announced that Cooper City was named number 9 of the Ten Hottest Suburbs to live in, in an article posted on CBS News Money Watch.

4. AGENDA CONCERNS

Ed Wooley, 11038 Nashville Drive, suggested that all residents have access to use all City Parks as they wish, provided they are responsible and leave them as they found them and that future parks should be developed for passive use.

Tony Belotto, 11553 SW 57th Street, expressed his opposition to allowing dogs in City parks.

Beth Kroll, 11553 SW 57th Street, expressed her opposition to allowing dogs or other pets in City parks.

Rosane Cooper, 11501 Hibbs Grove, expressed her opposition to allowing dogs in City parks.

Joe Thiry, 4952 SW 93rd Avenue, explained that the majority of the Recreation Advisory Board opposes allowing dogs in City parks and proposed an increase in public education regarding City codes and park uses be implemented.

Cheryl Smith, 10527 SW 53rd Street, expressed her opposition to allowing dogs in City Parks, unless specifically designated a "dog park."

Steve Lawson, 10485 Grove Lane, expressed his support for allowing dogs in City parks.

Trinidad Gai, 10360 Grove Lane, expressed her support for allowing dogs in City parks.

Kim Hegedus, 5157 SW 95th Avenue, expressed her support for allowing dogs in City parks.

5. FLAMINGO ROAD PARK

City Manager Loucks provided an overview and assessment of current Cooper City parks and explained that the previously presented master plan for the park and subsequent modifications were prepared for presentation by Stantec Engineering.

Jeff Cruz, Stantec Engineering, presented the plans for Phase I, the passive element of the park, including a concrete walkway, restroom facilities, small shelters with seating, a floating dock and limited parking. He described some active elements located in the northeast quadrant of the lake area, including a playground and rentable pavilions and a restroom area. He explained the inception of the plans, the acquisition of the land and described some of the restrictions and requirements of the land uses while answering questions posed by the Commission.

Direction was given to add a dog park element to future plans for the presentation to the Commission in January including an estimate of additional expenses relative to parking and other necessary alterations.

6. DOGS IN CITY PARKS

Each Commissioner detailed their experience, concerns and view on the subject.

No action was taken to make any changes to the current ordinance regarding animals in City parks.

7. COMMISSIONER CONCERNS

Mayor Ross reported on the renewal of Inspector General John Scott's contract for an additional four years.

Commissioner Curran expressed his disagreement with not changing the ordinance that prohibits dogs in City parks. He suggested that all of the Commission members spend more time speaking to residents about the issues before them.

Commissioner Mallozzi expressed her opposition to a dog park in Flamingo Park and suggested that the City provide curbing bags in green areas and strive harder to meet the desires of the community at large.

Commissioner Sims criticized the amount of time the Commission spends debating less important subjects and suggested that more time be spent discussing more important issues such as the budget. He questioned a letter sent to each member of the Commission regarding a Special Magistrate case and received guidance from the City Manager, directing the matter to the Special Magistrate.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.

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