

CITY OF PALM BAY, FLORIDA
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING 2022-04

Held on Tuesday, the 5th day of April 2022, at the Captain's House, 1300 Bianca Drive NE, Palm Bay, Florida 32905.

The meeting was properly noticed pursuant to law; the minutes are on file in the Recreation Administration Office at 1502 Port Malabar Blvd NE, Palm Bay, Florida 32905.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Thomas Gaume at 6:56 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

CHAIRPERSON:	Thomas Gaume	Present
VICE-CHAIRPERSON:	Randall Olszewski	Absent
MEMBER:	Salvatore Ferranti	Absent
MEMBER:	Phil Moore	Present
MEMBER:	Mary Jane Russell	Present
MEMBER:	Benjamin Aubin	Present
MEMBER:	Thomas Graver	Absent

ALSO PRESENT:

Fred Poppe, Recreation Department Director; Tasha Smith, Secretary.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting 2022-03; March 1, 2022.

Motion by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Aubin, to adopt the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Joe Luther, Just Right Living, spoke about future park developments; creating an inclusive community for individuals with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and autism; a future program with Fred Lee Park; and an enhanced partnership with the city.

Mr. Poppe said there was currently an informal relationship with Mr. Luther and there was a lack of therapeutics in our community. The only agency that had therapeutics was Brevard County. Mr. Poppe said the city may be able to look at having a community partnership with Just Right Living but it was an item that would need to be presented to the Board.

REPORTS:

1. Fred Poppe, Recreation Department Director

- Disc Golf – the layout is complete.
- Dog Park at Riviera Park - awaiting response from Facilities.
- Palm Bay Aquatic Center - Staffing was a major problem, as well as lifeguard certification, which was expensive, but staff was researching other avenues for same.

Mr. Gaume asked the number of lifeguards that were required. Mr. Poppe responded that six (6) lifeguards were necessary to be fully operational.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Individual and board roles.

Mr. Poppe asked the members what they felt was the best function of the Board and to come up with some goals and objectives. Mr. Gaume suggested that the Board break items down into a priority list. Mr. Aubin agreed and felt the Board should have one unique strong voice.

Mr. Poppe asked the members to think about the Board responsibilities and objectives for the next meeting. Mr. Gaume suggested that priorities and missions be included as well.

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at 7:00 P.M., at the Anthony “Tony” J. Rosa Community Center Room B, 1502 Port Malabar Blvd. NE, Palm Bay, Florida 32905.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 8:10 P.M.

Thomas Gaume, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Tasha Smith, Board Secretary