

City of Pinellas Park, Florida
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
December 16, 2019

7:00 pm

Meet at PUBLIC WORKS OPERATION CENTER
6250 – 82ND Avenue North

Chair Jeanne Kepple called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm at the Public Works Operation Center.

1) Call to Order - Roll Call

Members Present: Connie Bruce, Karen Ford, Jeanne Kepple, Neil Kummerer, John Miller, Thomas Nicholls, Mary Ann Smith and Emilia Tito

Absent: Jamie Tomlin and Barbara Van Camp

Staff Present: Keith Sabiel, Leisure Services Administrator; Matt Bale, Parks and Recreation Director; Sarah Palmer, Leisure Services Senior Staff Assistant

Guest: Andy Cambero, Tammy Peterson and Sarah Straker

2) Approval of Minutes from the October 28, 2019 and November 25, 2019 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting.

Ms. Smith made a motion that we accept the October 28, 2019 minutes as presented. Ms. Bruce seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

3) New Business

Motion was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Ms. Ford to recommend the reappointment of Mr. Nicholls to the Board with a term to expire December 31, 2021. The Board voted unanimously in favor for the proper paperwork to be submitted to Council for approval.

Mr. Bale swore the following Board Members into Office: Andy Cambero, Connie Bruce, Neil Kummerer, Mary Ann Smith and Emilia Tito

Ms. Palmer presented the 2020 Schedule of Meeting for approval. All were in favor as it was presented.

4) Board Agenda Items

a) CIP and Parks Program Updates- Matt Bale

- The custom 8 sail shade at Broderick Park playground has been completed.
- Senior Center planter box project has the boxes in place, dirt in the planters and mulch around the base of the planters.
- Polly Wog pool pump repairs have been completed. The new pump house is under construction.
- Ag farm fencing has been approved is been sent to the City's Attorney for review.
- Tingle Park Boardwalk has been completed and is open.
- Freedom Lake Park Community Gardens upgrades and renovation is going well. Benches are in and mulch has been delivered.
- Forbes Recreation Center Bleacher improvements is going out to bid.
- Parks dumpster enclosure has been installed at Dr. Lurie Park, just waiting for the gates. Also working on two for Helen Howarth Park – one by the ball fields and one out back of the Equestrian area. Also working on one for Freedom Lake Park.

- City has prepared contract documents for MTM to build the Youth Park hockey arena area. Will be where Field #1 currently is located and should be done towards the end of the first quarter of 2020.
- After verification with the PPPD that the ballads are working to deter people sleeping on the tables and benches. Additional recycled ballads have been order for the other parks.
- Duke Energy will be starting the LED Lighting Projects at Ed Taylor Park and Dr. Lurie Park.

b) Recreation Program Updates

i) Broderick Park

- Ms. Peterson shared that the Fitness Room will be closed as of January 1, 2020 due to lack of usage. They are looking at using it as a multi-purpose room.
- Ms. Peterson discussed that they are working on the “Respect” concept at the center.
- Ms. Peterson shared that the kids have been working on decorating snowflakes with Candy Canes to give to the Senior Center Members. This is the third year that they have done this project and the seniors love the decorations and the candy.
- Mr. Bale introduced Sarah Straker to the Board. Sarah is the new Recreation Coordinator at Broderick Park and has been with about two months.
- Broderick Park recreation staff will be assisting with the Holiday Hayride & Breakfast with Santa.
- Broderick Park will be hosting a Friday night Drop & Shop night from 7 to 10 PM on December 20th for youth ages 5 to 12. Fee is \$10 activities will include Penguin Egg Hunt, making snow, pizza party, movie & games.
- Broderick has purchased a new 72” cage ball & a spike ball set for two new programs to be offered at the Center.
- Currently they have “Elf on the Shelf”. His name is Rudy. You never know where you will find him when you come to the Center. They are doing this during the Christmas Break and the kids and staff all try to be the first to locate him.
- They are going to have giant games for the kids to use. IE: Checkers, Jenga and a couple more games.
- They also want to introduce some older games to the kids. IE: Bocce, Lawn Darts and Croquet.
- Looking at the possibility of a Butterfly Garden to the participants can learn about the cycle of their life.
- They have started a Tutoring for Reading Program at the Center – Bee’s Learning. They have 14 children in Grades K to 3 that are currently participating and hope to be able to expand the program.
- Registration begins January 1, 2020 for Summer Camp.
- They are looking into changing from having Leagues to doing intermural. That would help the kids get started on how to play the games correctly, work on their skills, and then participate in games. Also would allow them to lower the costs.

ii) Forbes Recreation

- Registrations for the Hayride is full.
- Recreation programs & events ideas have been generated via the City Facebook page.
- Youth Basketball registration is going very well.
- Gymnasium floor is being renovated in January.

iii) Senior Center

- Holiday dinner on November 22nd was sold out.
- Chamber Breakfast was on November 20th. It went very well.
- Wednesday night Bingo is drawing more folks.
- Shuffle Board is consistently full every week.
- The Senior Center had 30 attendees for the Senior Prom event. This event was hosted by Grand Villa at the Auditorium.
- Hay Ride planned for December 20th is full.

iv) Skyview Pool

- Skyview pool renovation construction has begun.
- Pool staff member Amanda Sparkman took the Certified Pool Operator certification class November 16th and 17th. We are very happy to report that she passed.
- Pool staff members Casondra Valle and Amanda Sparkman have completed Arthritis Class Certification.

v) Youth Park

- Richard Rock coordinated Teen WorkX volunteer efforts on November 9th and worked to re-line Freedom Lake Park Community Gardens planter boxes.
- Teen WorkX will be volunteering to feed the homeless on November 23rd at Pinellas Hope. Turkey sandwiches, mashed potatoes and chips were on the menu.
- Youth Park recreation will have two new winter leagues starting soon. This will be flag football and table tennis leagues. The fall sports leagues and cooking class just recently finished up.
- The Youth Park E-Sports league went very well this year.
- Youth park recreation 3 on 3 basketball league went well. The Youth Park team beat a determined Boys and Girls club team with the teams going down to the final seconds before the Youth Park team came out on top.

c) Equestrian

- Tingle Park Board Walk repairs have been completed and the boardwalk is re-opened.
- Ms. Palmer will ask that the BAHA equestrian events are scheduled for the Helen Howarth Park Equestrian Center be put on the electronic message boards in the City.
- Mr. Sabiel indicated that some of the split rail had been replaced and that work would begin on the back area.
- Mr. Sabiel shared that they would be making an adjustment to the fence line at the City's property that Ms. Freed lives at.

5) Open Discussion

- Ms. Sabiel shared that all of the centers have been asked to work on "Respect" – so each of the Centers are using same verbiage. Maximum Utilization is still the goal.
- We are also asking the Kids that they get involved with Community Service. While at the Rec. Center they can go with a staff member and pick-up trash at the park. Identify someone in their neighborhood that might need a little help with chores at their house.
- Mr. Sabiel gave an overview of all of the activities that have taken place in the last couple of months thru Recreation.

- Mr. Bale and Mr. Sabiel complimented Ms. Peterson on how she kept Broderick Recreation on track while she was shorthanded for several months.
- Mr. Sabiel also shared that the Registration Fee for Non-Resident Youth would be changing from \$85.00 to \$5.00.
- Mr. Sabiel shared that for the Adamac Property a proposal has been submit by Mastry's. Council has given them the nod to proceed with putting together their A & B Proposal for consideration. Would include a Brewery, Beer Garden, and Area for Food Trucks, Housing and possibly retail.

6) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Kummerer and seconded by Ms. Smith. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Bale
Parks and Recreation Director

Jeanne Kepple
Chair

**PINELLAS PARK
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD
JANUARY 2019 – DECEMBER 2019**

(2 Year Appointments) Must be resident of Pinellas Park - 1 Year Teen Appointments - Teen members must be in school & may be members until graduation)

MEETING TYPE	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
MEETING DATE	1/28	2/25	3/25	4/xx	5/20	6/24	7/xx	8/26	9/30	10/28	11/25	12/16
Barnes, Jackie	P	P	A	N	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Bruce, Connie	P	P	P	N	P	E	N	P	E	P	E	P
Ford, Karen	P	P	P	N	E	P	N	P	A	P	P	P
Kepple, Jeanne	P	P	P	N	P	P	N	P	P	P	P	P
Kummerer, Neil	P	P	A	N	P	E	N	P	P	P	P	P
Miller, John	P	P	P	N	P	P	N	A	P	P	P	P
Nicholls, Thomas	P	P	P	N	P	E	N	P	P	P	P	P
Smith, Mary Ann	P	P	P	N	P	P	N	P	P	P	E	P
Tito, Emilia	P	P	P	N	A	P	N	P	P	A	A	P
Tomlin, Jamie	P	P	P	N	A	P	N	A	E	P	A	A
Van Camp, Barbara	P	P	A	N	A	E	N	A	P	E	A	A
Cambero, Andy	--	--	--	---	--	--	--	--	G	--	--	--

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NA=Not a member at this date **G** – Guest **N** = No Meeting Scheduled