

**City of Pinellas Park, Florida
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
October 25, 2021
7:00 pm**

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

Chair Jeanne Kepple called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1) Ms. Palmer did the Roll Call:

Members Present: Connie Bruce, Joanne Dauphin, Karen Ford, Alisha Kelley, Jeanne Kepple, Neil Kummerer, Mary Ann Smith, Jamie Tomlin, Lorraine Taylor and Hayden Kelley.

Staff Present: Keith Sabiel, Jr., Leisure Services Administrator, Mall Bale, Parks and Recreation Director or Sarah Palmer, Leisure Services Senior Staff Assistant

2) Approval of Minutes: August 30, 2021

A motion was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Ms. Tomlin to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Kummerer abstained.

Approval of No Meeting: September 27, 2021

A motion was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Ms. Dauphin to accept the acknowledgement that the meeting was called due to a lack of quorum.

3) New Business

a) Mr. Bale swore in Alisha Kelley and Lorraine Taylor as Members. Hayden Kelley as a Teen Member. Everyone welcomed them.

b) Ms. Palmer reviewed the list of term expiration dates for serving on the Board:

- (1) Hayden Kelley – November 14, 2021
- (2) Connie Bruce – December 31, 2021
- (3) Alisha Kelley – December 31, 2021
- (4) Neil Kummerer – December 31, 2021
- (5) Mary Ann Smith – December 31, 2021
- (6) Lorraine Kelley – December 31, 2021
- (7) Jamie Tomlin – December 31, 2021

All indicated that they would like to continue to serve of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

ii) A motion was made by Ms. Dauphin and seconded by Ms. Ford that all seven members be presented to Council for approval to serve on the Board. All members were in agreement. Ms. Palmer will prepare the proper paperwork to submit to Council for their approval.

c) Mr. Sabiel, Jr. thanked all of the Staff that assisted with gathering the information for the recent Grants that has been submitted on behalf of the City. Recognition went to Communications & Marketing, Community Planning & Development Services, Public Works and Recreation. With a special Thank You to

Ms. Peterson for leading the effort and getting everything accumulate and submitted on time.

- d) Mr. Sabiel shared that the recent trip to Tallahassee was very encouraging. Discussion was held about two possible Grants one for \$1 million and the other for \$1.4 million. A lot will depend on the redistricting that may be happening when they go back into Session.
- e) Mr. Sabiel shared that beginning November 1st you can sign up for the Holiday Hayride that takes place at Forbes Rec Center on December 9th and the Breakfast with Santa at PWOC on December 11th.
- f) Mr. Sabiel gave a brief update on the Ag Farm. It is coming along nice and we are getting more and more residents each week. Cote is going twice a day to ensure that the animals are feed and watered.
- g) Mr. Sabiel shared that he, Mr. Bale, Mr. Cote, and a couple of other employees will be going to look at Sweetwater Community Farm in Tampa and DK Farm in Largo to look at how they do things. He also indicated that he is looking at staffing requirements for the future for the Ag Farm. He is leaning towards a Recreation Coordinator to oversee the Farm and coordinate training sessions with groups like 4H, FSA and SPC. Maybe some staff rotating on a part time basis (when they have down time at the Recreation Centers) and volunteers. Will get with the City Manager after the first of the year and see what can be done in 2022.

4) Board Agenda Items

a) CIP and Parks Program Updates- Matt Bale

- i) The City has had ongoing meetings with Pennoni Engineering and substantial progress has been made on the Youth Park Sports Complex design. Final design is scheduled to be completed by November of 2021.
- ii) New double bay swings ordered for Pinebrook Park are in and installation began Monday the 25th and should be completed this week.
- iii) The Ag Farm restrooms should be completed in November. A new east-west fence was installed in the middle of the Ag farm property as a divider between the planning farm area and the animals.
- iv) Hockey Arena electrical service for the hockey score board is now just waiting on Duke Energy to install the pedestal and pole. New wire and conduit is installed and once the pole is set it will become operational.
- v) On October 15th Leisure Services submitted a grant application to the United States Council of Mayors and the American Beverage Foundation for a Healthy America 2022 Child Obesity Prevention, Environmental Health and Sustainability Awards. This Grant application was submitted for gardening for recreation, education for the environment and nutrition. 1st place is \$125,000 and 2nd place is \$50,000. Funding to be announced in January of 2022. Thanks to Tammy Peterson for her efforts on this application.

- vi) Notice of Grant awards for the previously submitted Rails to Trails Grant Application through the FRPA will be announced in November, 2021. This will be for the Tingler Park Boardwalk renovation.
- vii) On October 22nd the City submitted a Recreation/Stormwater Grant for additional Youth Park Sports Complex funding. Thanks to all that assisted with this Grant Application
- viii) The City received a \$25,000 grant check from the Tegna Foundation & Channel 10 for partial funding of a new inclusive playground addition for Broderick Park and the Nina Harris School.

b) Recreation Program Updates

i) Broderick Park

- (1) The Broderick Park After School Program now has 149 youths registered. Daily average attendance is about 90 per day.
- (2) 36 Children are registered for the Before School Program with a daily average of 26 attending daily.
- (3) The Broderick Park Recreation Center is decorated for the Halloween Season.
- (4) The Broderick Park Manager Tammy Peterson has done a very good job completing Grant Applications for the Leisure Services Department.

ii) Forbes Recreation

- (1) Forbes Recreation Center filled a 30 to 35 hour position with Bailey Odom who will transfer

from Broderick Park Recreation. Baily is fitting in good at Forbes.

- (2) The Forbes After School Program is averaging 95 participants per day and they were able to bring in 15 youth that were on the wait list.
- (3) The Forbes Before School Program has 27 children registered and the program is going well.
- (4) After school flag football has started. They have four teams that play games from 4 to 6 pm. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Forbes Manager Keith Tickner thanks his staff for working well together to make the program a success.
- (5) Registration for Youth Programs including Basketball, Track, The Holiday Hayride and Breakfast with Santa will all start November 1st.
- (6) Forbes Recreation Assistant Cote Reynolds has been doing a terrific job of maintaining the ever increasing animal population at the new City AG Farm. Texas the pig, Fred the Turkey, and the chickens and ducks are beginning to give the site a real farm feel.

iii) Senior Center

- (1) Senior Center rummage sale is October 27th from 8am till noon.
- (2) Bingo participants are up to 65 on both bingo days each week.
- (3) Senior Center is having a drive through pick-up Thanksgiving Dinner on Friday November 19th. Dinners can be signed up for in advance and picked up at the Senior Center between 5 and 6 pm.

- (4) The new Senior Center audio visual equipment is scheduled to be installed on October 26th.
- (5) Felix Fred recently left the Senior Center for a promotion in becoming the Recreation Coordinator for the City's Skyview Pool and assisting at the Teen Center. Felix will be missed at the Senior Center.
- (6) There will be a Pancake Breakfast for City employees on October 29th. You need to pre-order your breakfast.

iv) Skyview Pool

- (1) The Skyview Pool has a new Coordinator in Felix Fred. We are pleased to have Felix in this new capacity and excited to see him working at the City Pool, Teen Center, and with the TeenWorkX group
- (2) Skyview Pool hosted a fun meet with some area High Schools on October 14th. The event had multiple teams from the area.
- (3) The pool will be transitioning to off season November 1st.

v) Youth Park

- (1) The Youth Park Hockey League began Saturday October 9th. They currently have 4 teams.
- (2) Cooking class is going well every Wednesday. The Teens enjoying every meal.
- (3) TeenWorkX will be at the October 31st England Brothers Park Treat Trail to assist as needed.
- (4) TeenWorkX volunteers have been helping with programs at all Recreation Centers.

(5) TeenWorkX is planning a canned food drive prior to Thanksgiving

vi) Equestrian

Mr. Bale shared that Water Management has estimated that they will be closing the Equestrian Trail from 90th to 94th Avenue during the day beginning January, 2022 and the work will probably take until January, 2023.

5) Open Discussion

Ms. Tomlin shared that off 90th Avenue by the house that sits back there are roots that possibly horses or people can trip on.

Ms. Tomlin shared that the obstacle is still by the main arena. Would like to have it repositioned between the round pen and the practice arena.

Mr. Tomlin also shared that there has been a lot of golf cart traffic making ruts along 98th behind the houses towards the racquetball courts.

Ms. Tomlin and Mr. Kummerer inquired on the status of the restrooms that had been requested previously by the arena. Would like a two-bay type.

Mr. Kummerer brought up about the Covering for the Arena. Is there any update? Also a status on the bed of the arena. Need better footing for the horses and riders safety.

It was brought up that Board members would like to see more shade at the Parks.

Ms. Kepple asked about the Totem Pole at Davis Field. The parents of the Cheerleaders wanted to know if it will be taken to Youth Park when the T-Birds get relocated.

6) Adjournment

Ms. Smith made a motion that we adjourn and Mr. Kummerer second the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

7) Take Aways:

- Ms. Sabiel, Jr. and Mr. Bale will go out to the Equestrian Center and see what needs to be taken care of and get with the appropriate Departments.
- Ms. Palmer will prepare the documentation to send to Council for the Reappointment of Hayden Kelley, Connie Bruce, Alisha Kelley, Neil Kummerer, Mary Ann Smith, Lorraine Taylor and Jamie Tomlin.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Bale
Parks and Recreation
Director

Jeanne Kepple
Chair