



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Parks and Recreation Department
Central Area Parks Operations
840 Forrest Avenue
Cocoa, Florida 32922

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT CENTRAL AREA PARKS OPERATIONS
Merritt Island/Beaches Recreation Advisory Board Agenda
November 20, 2019, 5:00 p.m.

Members Present

Sean Anderson, Vice-Chair
Phil Barnes
Jack Masson
Janice Scott

Members Not Present

Cathy Jarrell, Chair
Debby Gaunlett
Ralph Williams, III

Staff Present

Terry Lane, Central Area Parks Operations Manager
Fred Ameigh, Central Area Parks Maintenance Superintendent
Richard Tucci, Central Area Recreation Superintendent
Denise Hayes, Central Area Parks Operations Administrative Secretary

I. Call Meeting to Order

Vice-Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. Approval of August 21, 2019 Minutes

Mr. Masson made a motion to approve the August 21, 2019 minutes. Mr. Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lane introduced Janice Scott as a new District 2 Merritt Island/Beaches Recreation Advisory Board member.

III. Old Business

a. Financial Report - Terry Lane, Area Parks Operations Manager

Mr. Lane stated that the County was one month into the new fiscal year.

Mr. Masson asked questions regarding revenue versus expenditures.

A discussion ensued regarding revenue collections versus expenditures in Fund 1020.

b. Attendance and Programs Report - Richard Tucci, Recreation Superintendent

Mr. Tucci stated that attendance at Woody Simpson and Kiwanis Island Parks were increasing because staff has been adding new programs of interest to the community. He further stated that Woody Simpson Park Community Center and Brevard County Sheriff's Department has brought back Saturday night midnight basketball. Mr. added that Pickleball attendance at Woody Simpson Park Community Center had grown to

approximately 800 to 900 participants a month. He stated that participants were utilizing both the indoor and outdoor courts. Mr. Tucci further added that Ukulele and lessons were being also being offered.

Mr. Tucci stated that Woody Simpson Park had also started a physical education, arts and craft, youth tutoring, and healthy cuisine cooking classes for the children who are home schooled, and that attendance for these programs were continuously growing.

Mr. Tucci informed the Board the Woody Simpson Park Community Center would be hosting a community Thanksgiving Dinner on Friday, November 22nd.

Mr. Tucci stated that Kiwanis Island Park Community is providing the first annual youth basketball league and that its first season has 46 participants.

Mr. Tucci informed the Board that Kiwanis Island hosted its first Community Thanksgiving Dinner and 85 participants.

Mr. Tucci stated that Kiwanis Island home school program continues to grow.

Mr. Tucci informed the Board that the Merritt Island Holiday Parade would be held on Saturday, December 7th, and that staff was looking for volunteers to be judges.

Vice-Chair Anderson stated he would be interested in being a judge and would contact staff for more information.

Mr. Tucci informed the Board of the following events: December 21st from 9am to 11am, Kiwanis Island's Pancake Breakfast with Santa; December 8th from 2pm to 5pm, the Persons with Disabilities 42nd Annual Hoedown at Kiwanis Island; December 21st from 11am to 3pm, Lunch with Santa at Woody Simpson Park Community Center; Winter Break Youth Camp at all community centers.

c. Parks Maintenance Report - Fred Ameigh - Parks Maintenance Superintendent

Mr. Ameigh stated Cherie Down and Robert Murkshe Park restroom renovations have been completed.

Mr. Ameigh informed the Board that plans are to refurbish the tennis courts at Kelly Park West, Mitchell Ellington Park, and Woody Simpson Park, including the addition of Pickleball lines at Kelly Park West and Mitchell Ellington Park.

d. Park Projects Update

Mr. Lane informed the Board that renovations to the beach crossovers at Cherie Down Park had begun, and that all Brevard County maintained crossovers will have been renovated once Cherie Down Park crossovers were completed.

Mr. Lane stated the basketball courts at Kelly Park West and Woody Simpson Parks would be repainted this year.

Mr. Lane stated that the gymnasium floor at Kiwanis Island were scheduled to be redone and that Pickleball lines were going to be added.

IV. New Business

Mr. Masson and Ms. Scott asked staff to investigate who owned the property to the south of Murkshe Park to see if it could be purchased for additional parking, and to present the findings at the Board's meeting in February.

V. Public Input

None

VI. Adjournment

Ms. Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barnes. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20pm.

Sean Anderson, Vice-Chair