



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

COCOA WEST RECREATION COMPLEX ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
February 7, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Members Present

Betty Wells, Chair
Izeal Battle, Vice-Chair
Leartis Brothers
Jesse Guest

Staff Present

Terry Lane, Central Area Parks Operations Manager
Felicia Fallen, Cocoa West Recreation Complex Recreation Coordinator

I. Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson Wells called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

II. Approval of November 1, 2021 Minutes

Mr. Guest made a motion to approve the minutes of November 1, 2021. The motion was seconded by Mr. Battle. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Old Business

Mr. Lane stated that staff was obtaining quotes to renovate the outdoor basketball court backboards and court surface.

IV. New Business

It was noted the Committee member Kim Gipson had moved out of town and is no longer serving on the Committee.

Chairperson Wells stated that the Committee should make a recommendation to the District 1 Commissioner as to who should replace Ms. Gipson because that is the way it had been done in the past.

Mr. Lane stated that if the Committee had a recommendation they could either send the person's name and contact information on to the District Commissioner 1 or the Committee could contact the Commissioner directly.

Election of 2022 Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Mr. Lane opened the floor for Chairperson nominations.

Mrs. Brothers nominated Mrs. Wells as Chairperson.

Mrs. Wells accepted the nomination.

A vote was taken and Mrs. Wells was elected as the 2022 Chairperson unanimously.

Chairperson Wells opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairperson.

Chairperson Wells nominated Mr. Battle.

Mr. Battle accepted the nomination.

A vote was taken and Mr. Battle was elected as the 2022 Vice-Chairperson unanimously.

V. Report from Recreation Staff

Special Events

Mrs. Fallen informed the Committee that Wednesday, February 9th Cocoa West Recreation Complex would be hosting “A Taste of Soul” for the Senior’s at Lunch program in honor of Black History Month. She further stated that if a senior chose they could take the meal home and have the meal for dinner.

Program Reports

Mrs. Fallen stated registration started today for the youth basketball league, grades 1 through 8, and that the league will start February 26th. She further stated that the games would be on Saturdays between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Chairperson Wells suggested that Mrs. Fallen reach out to the area churches to get participants.

Mrs. Fallen asked the Committee if knew of anyone that would like to volunteer as coach or get paid as a referee have them contact Tyree McGhee, who is the Recreation Leader running the basketball league.

Mrs. Fallen stated that the line dancing class was being held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and that they generally had between 10 to 15 participants.

Mrs. Fallen stated that Spring Break Camp would start March 14th and run through March 18th from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Attendance

Mrs. Fallen informed the Committee that the Thanksgiving Dinner Drive-Through had 330 participants.

Mrs. Fallen stated that the Children’s Holiday Party had 30 participants.

Mrs. Fallen stated that attendance at the community center has increased.

VI. Report from Committee Members

Chairperson Wells commended Loretta Berry for doing an excellent job. She stated that she personally observed a difficult incident where law enforcement had to be called, and that Ms. Berry had been vigilant in duties, and handled the situation well.

Mr. Lane stated that he wanted to thank the entire staff for doing a wonderful job even though there is a staffing shortage and having to work overtime.

VII. Public Input

There was no public present.

VIII. Adjournment

Chairperson Wells made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Battle seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Signature Line for Betty Wells, Chairperson