



Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

September 15, 2021 at 5:30p.m.

Virtual Meeting
Winter Park, Florida

Board Members Present

Michael Perelman, Kelly Price, Krystal Dawkins, Annemarie Smith, Shannon Sarkarati, Jennifer Adams

Board Members Absent

Frank Baker

Call to Order

Meeting Called to order by Chairman Perelman at 5:30pm

Consent Agenda

a. August 18, 2021 Minutes Approval

Motion made by Kelly Price to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Jennifer Adams. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Central Park Continuous Events

- Chabad of Greater Orlando - Holiday Chanukah Festival 11/28/21
- Track Shack -Park Ave 1/22/22
- Track Shack -Winter Park Road Race 3/12/22
- Track Shack -Watermelon Run 7/4/22

Craig O'Neal of the Communication department addressed the board with the policy that has been adopted and approved by the City Commission on the annual road races. Chairman Perelman raised the question on some of the road races taking place in other parks and suggest recommend other parks. (Track Shack will resubmit their application with the nonprofit box checked for clarification).

c. Phelps Park Work Session Recommendation Approval

Following the work session, the board voted 4-2 (Kelly Price and Krystal Dawkins voting no) to recommend proceeding with option 6; (option 2 and option 5) following the completion guidelines presented with community input. Option 2 replacing the low climb log structure and Option 5 consisting of three alternate designs including the Miracle Recreation suggestion from the local residents. Staff provided an update on an upcoming community meeting to receive public input at the park on Thursday September 23. Survey will begin October 4 and close October 17. Board members have requested to see the survey before it's published, staff will send the options 24-48 hours prior to the survey going public. Chairman Perelman suggested a list the names of the residents that spoke in the work session to be added in the work session minutes.

Staff Updates

a. FY 21 Project Update

- Still waiting on the final date for Pickleball courts installation at Phelps.

b. Progress Pointe Update

- Jason gave an update on the Progress Point project, the concept of redesigning Palmetto, and the concept of the point portion of the park being utilized as park space has been approved by the City Commission. Commission has also given the designer some suggestions and once a conceptual design is submitted the Parks and Recreation advisory board will have the opportunity to give some input and direction before the design is finalized

c. Recreation Programs & Event Update

• *Library/Event Center Update*

Occupancy is scheduled to take place on 10/26, the Ribbon Cutting is scheduled for 12/10/21 10a-12pm and the Grand Opening Gala will be held on 12/10 from 7pm-10pm. Saturday 12/11 the Library will have their Community Open House. The Event Center is scheduled to open to the Public on January 3, 2022.

• *Holiday Events & Christmas Décor Initiative*

Tiffany Windows will be 12/2 Tree Lighting/Snow Slides in the Park 12/3 and the Christmas Parade will be held on 12/4. Holiday Décor will be elevated and expanded throughout the city this year.

d. MLK Improvements -CRA Funding Update

- The athletic field project was moved to the FY22 Budget, along with funding to enhance the greenspace on the backside of the Event Center.

e. Sustainability Action Plan -Vanessa Balta

- Vanessa presented the “park related portion” of the Sustainability Action Plan Update. The update integrates discussion with all the boards, staff and responses from the community through online surveys, and local community organizations. The Plan tracks and sets targets of residents living within .5 mile from park space (as defined). Sustainability is seeking direction from the Parks Board on what is considered park space, and targets on residential proximity to green space (as it is defined). Chairman Perelman raised two questions essentially what is a park, and residents living .5 of mile vs .25 of a mile. It was suggested to incorporate a sub goal, to better understand the space and the function of the space as it's defined as park space.

Public Comments (for items not on agenda): Three minutes allowed for each speaker
Non-Action Items

Action Items

a. **MLK Jr. Memorial Proposal (pulled from non-action items)**

Maria Bryant, and Mary Daniels presented the board with a proposal for the unity corner (Denning & Morse Blvd). The vision is to have a beautiful active park and public space dedicated to the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the original residents of Hannibal Square that lost their homes. Residents are seeking a recommendation from the board to reinstate and implement the original 2013 plan to enhance the memorial corner with a budget to support the completion of the project in the FY22 budget. The committee's recommendations is to have a life size bronze stature of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as well as a naming wall in memory of the West Side residents who lost their homes in 1955 to eminent domain, create a pedestrian and bicycle path. After further discussion and residents Martha Bryant, Forest Michael, and Lee Kemp also spoke in favor of the proposed memorial space.

Motion made by Michael Perelman to recommend moving forward with a memorial space in the proposed corner of MLK Park with a memorial reflecting MLK and recognition of the residents that lost their homes; also seeking guidance from the commission on how to proceed; seconded by Jennifer Adams. Motion carried unanimously by Kelly Price, Michael Perelman, Jennifer Adams, and Annemarie Smith.

b. **Fee Waiver Request - Fast Management -Scott Millson**

Scott Mllson is requesting a full fee waiver for its Fast Management track meet for local schools. After discussion Motion made by Michael Perelman to approve the fee waiver for the 2021 event, any future request to be approved by the City Commission as a recurring fee waiver; seconded by Jennifer Adams. Motion passed unanimously by Kelly Price, Michael Perelman, Jennifer Adams, and Annemarie Smith

c. **Park Policies & Procedures Revision- (Moved to October Meeting)**

Board Comments

- a. Mini Park Conditions Assessment
- b. Park Survey Discussion

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm

Minutes approved the board on 10/20/2021
/s/ Kesha Thompson