

**PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
June 26, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Blair Culpepper at 5:00 p.m. at the Winter Park Community Center in conference room C.

Advisory Board Members present:

Chairman Blair Culpepper
Vice Chairman Woody Woodall
Janet Atkins
Michael Palumbo
Fred Jones
Joel Roberts

Staff present:

Director John Holland
Assistant Director Brenda Moody
Assistant Director Ronald Moore
Lieutenant Randy Durkee – WPPD
Recording Secretary Nancy McLean

Advisory Board Members absent:

Marni Spence
Julio de Arcos

Staff absent:

Assistant Director Chuck Trice

Guests:

Jeffrey Eisenbarth, Pennie Parker and Michael Miller, Rollins College, Frank Herring, The Herring Group, Rebecca Wilson, Lowndes, Drosdick, Kantor and Reed, William St. Laurent, Florida Lacrosse Association, Brian Moran, Swarm Lacrosse President, Betsy Walton, Susan Becker, Annel Griffin, Dog-On-It Agility Club and Linda Walker Chappell, 794 West Comstock Avenue

Consent Agenda:

- a) Approval of Minutes – May 22nd and June 19th work session

Motion made by Woody Woodall to approve Consent Agenda Item ‘a’; seconded by Janet Atkins. The motion carried unanimously with a 6-0 vote. Marni Spence and Julio de Arcos were absent.

Action Items:

- b) Rollins College Design proposal for Martin Luther King Park

Rebecca Wilson, Lowndes, Drosdick, Kantor and Reed briefly discussed the expansion and redevelopment of multi-purpose fields at Martin Luther King Park (MLK) and the new multipurpose field will feature “field turf” providing for high intensity use. She also discussed the relocation of the softball stadium to the recently acquired Bowl America property. She stated that Rollins and the City are working to create expanded and improved public recreational facilities in MLK Park such as expanded public parking and access, expanded restroom facilities and the relocation of the existing maintenance facilities. Ms. Wilson answered questions and concerns from the board and the public.

William St. Laurent, Florida Lacrosse Association expressed concern about having the reduced area of the city's athletic fields and asked who will be scheduling the use of the fields.

Brian Moran, Swarm Lacrosse President, addressed that if the project goes forward he hopes that the new multipurpose field will allow for public use and it does not become a Rollins facility. He also asked about the contingency plans if/when constructions gets underway.

Betsy Walton, Dog-On-It Agility Club President, expressed that the area they currently use to train their dogs will be converted to parking and she wanted clarification if an alternative site for their club use will be available to rent. Mr. Holland stated that the City currently makes 16k a year for their use behind Lake Island Hall.

Frank Herring, The Herring Group, discussed the expanded public parking and access, perimeter lighting of the fields and "field turf" on the multipurpose field.

Linda Walker Chappell, 794 West Comstock Avenue, asked the Parks Board to deny the Rollins request because they have not been good neighbors and have not kept their word with the community regarding the use of the current softball field. She also expressed concern regarding Rollins rumored purchase of the Mount Vernon Inn and the construction of a new parking garage.

Pennie Parker, Rollins Athletic Field Director, discussed the anticipated scheduling of the multipurpose fields and stated that there will be 166 hours of use during the fall season and in the spring they will use the field 792 hours.

Susan Becker, Dog-On-It Agility Club, expressed concern about where they will be relocated if this project goes forward.

Jen Bolling, Dog-On-It Agility Club, submitted an email to the advisory board since she was unable to attend the meeting. The email is attached for the record.

Annel Griffin, Dog-On-It Agility Club, asked when this project will take place. Ms. Wilson stated that Dog-On-It will have a new area created for them before the project begins.

Mr. Holland provided the Parks board with the Parks and Recreation staff recommendations regarding the proposed project for MLK Park. He stated that staff believes that these issues must be addressed prior to the Boards approval of the project or at least contingent on the satisfactory resolutions of these issues. Staff recommendations are attached for the record. Mr. Holland answered questions from the board.

Janet Atkins addressed that this is a good concept, but she believed that this item should be tabled so that parks staff and Rollins College could reach an agreement on the Parks Department's recommendations before the board voted on approval of the concept.

Fred Jones asked if the City will have any access to the softball field once it is relocated. Mr. Holland commented that there will be no use agreement on the softball field and we will not have a softball field. Ms. Wilson stated that is not her understanding and there is an existing use agreement that will be amended.

Motion made by Woody Woodall to approve the concept of the plan contingent on the resolution of the Parks and Recreation staff recommendations (see attachment); seconded by Michael Palumbo. The motion carried with a 5-1 vote. Janet Atkins voted no. Marni Spence and Julio de Arcos were absent.

c) Palm and Pineywood Cemeteries Rules and Standards

Cemeteries Manager Janna Bauman gave a brief overview of the Palm and Pineywood Cemeteries Rules and Standards update.

Motion made by Fred Jones to approve the Palm and Pineywood Cemeteries Rules and Standards; seconded by Janet Atkins. The motion carried unanimously with a 6-0 vote. Marni Spence and Julio de Arcos were absent.

New Business:

Staff Report:

1. Mr. Holland stated that the National Recreation and Park Association named the Winter Park Parks and Recreation Department as a final four candidate in the prestigious "Gold Medal Award" competition.
2. Mr. Holland stated that City staff has been notified that the City Manager and the Budget Manager have achieved a balanced budget.

Next Meeting – July 24, 2013 @ 5:00 p.m., Parks & Recreation, Community Center conference room.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Nancy McLean
Recording Secretary