



**MINUTES – AUGUST 6, 2020 MEETING
VIRTUAL VIA WEBEX**

Chair Tom Tianich called the August 6, 2020 Meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Advisory Board to order at 6:45 PM.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sean Atkinson, Claire Garrett, Ettore DeTorres, Bonnie Fiallo, Jon McMillian, Sharon Nitzberg, Tom Tianich, Kevin Toliver-Lyons and Catherine Uden.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Cory Styron, Director, Notosha Lake, Administrative Assistant I, and Sandra Betton, Administrative Assistant II recording the Minutes.

Guest(s): Louis Bellamy, Kathy DiBona and Zohar Wolfson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

June 4, 2020 Meeting

A Motion to approve the Minutes of June 4, 2020 Meeting with corrections was made by Claire Garrett; the motion was seconded by Sharon Nitzberg and the Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

July 2, 2020 Meeting

Board members reviewed and made corrections to the Minutes of the July 2, 2020 Meeting. A Motion to approve the Minutes of July 2, 2020 Meeting with corrections was made by Tom Tianich; the motion was seconded by Sean Atkinson and the Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Cory Styron gave the following department updates:

- The National Golf foundation was hired to help assist with both golf courses. Hollywood Beach Golf will be done within two different types of RFO's. One for building

architectural, and the other will be for the golf architect. The RFQ is not quite ready but I was told that it will be within the next 30 days. Orangebrook Golf will be thereafter.

- On May 20th Council made some stipulations on Sunset regarding the environmental aspect of that project that had to be corrected prior to the City owning the facility. The deadline is September 30th to complete those restrictions.
- Washington Park football fields have been re-sodded; gym renovation is complete with exception of the crash pads. MLK gym is done as well and waiting on the crash pads. We have sod renovations going at Boggs field; and we are finishing up the scope for both Rotary and Dowdy projects.
- We have eight staff that are currently impacted by COVID-19; and we are also continuing to work on virtual content for use in senior programming.

Claire Garrett asked if there would be two RFQ's for Orangebrook Golf and if the Board will be able to see the RFQ before it goes on the street.

Cory Styron responded stating the Board will not be able to see the RFP before it goes out as that would be a breach of confidentiality; and concerns about sustainability are included.

Sean Atkinson mentioned developing some ideas as to how to deal with landscaping where land meets the ocean, for the most part along the C 10 Canal as it goes from just west of I 95; and having the water and touching our parks that could use some help because so far most of the kind of landscaping along those areas have been just rip rap to prevent erosion. So he is trying to develop some ideas as to how we could proceed with some new shorelines which are called living shorelines, which are beginning to be thought of and developed for areas like our parks wherever they meet water. Sean stated that this is something that should probably be added to the agenda and discussed more.

Claire Garrett questioned Cory Styron regarding the attachment sent to the Board of the Master Plan Visioning Groups, requesting additional information.

Cory Styron explained that we are going to have seven visioning groups to talk about items that kind of bubbled up as themes during our master plan in the survey process. The Board will get a chance to have a summary of the survey at the September meeting. But these will be specific meetings with other expert and people from the community to talk about these items in a two-hour panel session talking about what we should look for in our community; and what type of activities we should be considering as we continue to flush out the master plan. We are looking at no more than two per group, it will be a teleconference and more than likely will be in the afternoon.

Claire Garrett questioned if there was a sign-up sheet, and if Board members are required to be in the group.

Cory Styron responded asking Board members to send their information to Sandra Betton with their first and second choice prior to the September meeting and we will advise of any groups that are still open at that point. Cory also stated it is not a requirement, but one of the Board goals is to participate in the masterplan meetings.

Ettore DeTorres questioned if there is a federal mandate to eliminate outfall and water treatment, which is the treatment of sewage that we dump offshore. There is a federal mandate for us to be off that by 2025, so he would hope that reuse of the gray water is mandated 60% of our gray water must be reused by 2025. So, the reusing that water to water the golf courses is a big plan in a lot of communities and is that being accounted for with the major renovations of both courses.

Cory Styron responded stating to reduce the outfall the city is currently building a great big well for that water to be treated before it goes into the outfall. Those are currently in the process of being built now through Public Utilities. Design is the better use of both sources to better manage the storm runoff especially over in the Lakes area; and there is also some conversations with the State of Florida on doing some additional work because they want to buy some credit for doing additional work on the access roads and I95. Water Management is important but right now they both run on reclaimed water.

Cory Styron suggested inviting the Director for Public Utilities to the next Advisory Board meeting to respond to concerns regarding reuse water.

Tom Tianich questioned the reason for no more than two Board members per group on the Master Plan Visionary Groups.

Cory Styron responded stating that if there are more than two it would need to be noticed as a meeting.

Tom Tianich asked that the Master Plan Visionary Groups information incorporating be done in time for the September meeting; and that the Public Utilities Director be added to the next Agenda if he or she is available.

TREE SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

Tom Tianich referred to letter that was sent out from him basically asking City Commission to direct the City Manager to allow us to change a little bit of the original approved Boggs Field Tree Volunteer Planting Plan.

Sean Atkinson stated that Board members that attended the Tree Subcommittee meeting last week at Boggs Field were having discussions and may have already seen the letter.

Tom Tianich read the letter to Board.

Cory Styron stated he needed to give the Board some information regarding this entire process. This action has been going on under the auspices of this Board by Board member Sean Atkinson for several months now; and as recently as the June 17th Commission meeting, Sean read the same letter specifically asking the City Manager to direct me to change the plan to his project. That same letter was also sent to the Mayor and all the Commissioners. Sean has had individual meetings with the City Manager on this and we agree that there should be diversity, we just do not agree on the occurrence. There have been three meetings with individual Commissioners by Mr. Atkinson and staff individually on this and multiple appeals directly. The Commission and City Administration is aware of the request. Therefore, this is not the first time the Commission is getting this letter. This has been strongly advocated through multiple formats in social media as well as direct emails regarding this process on Mr. Atkinson particularly desired method for planting.

A motion was made by Claire Garrett to submit the letter to the Mayor and Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Ettore DeTorres; and the letter was approved by unanimous vote

Sharon Nitzberg commented that as one of the original volunteers for this Tree Committee, she feels out of the loop when letters have been sent out and meetings are held with different people within City Administration; and asked that she be kept in the loop of everything.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Creation of a Non-Profit Discussion (continued from last meeting)

Cory Styron stated that he had sent out information to Board members that expressed interest.

Sean Atkinson stated our strategic plan meetings were sparsely attended and then COVID-19 happened. The most enthusiastic supporters of our parks are the Board members, aside from all the parents that use all the softball soccer and football fields. Having to get another group of nine people that are as enthusiastic as we are about the parks will take a little bit, it may not have to be nine, but maybe it can be five; and if people can be on both Board. Sean questioned where we can find five people that would honestly raise money for the parks, maybe not sales experience but definitely sales inclination, as well as a just a fervent love of parks. Sean then stated that he would like to get an opinion from a lawyer.

Tom Tianich asked Cory Styron to get an opinion from the City Attorney regarding whether there is a restriction on the number of current members allowed to serve on a Board Non-Profit Foundation.

Tom Tianich did a roll call vote regarding board members interested to serve on the Non-Profit Foundation; and confirmed four members interested and five not interested to serve.

Cory Styron agreed to get an opinion from the City Attorney regarding whether there is a restriction on the number of current members that can serve on a Board Non-Profit Foundation.

b. **ShuffleBoard Courts – Proposal for Traffic Garden (continued from last meeting)**

Sharon Nitzberg stated she sent Cory Styron an email asking if this is something that could possibly come to fruition; and Cory had responded possibly not for two to four years. Sharon stated if it something that the city would possibly consider then she would work hard to help get off the ground.

Tom Tianich asked Sharon Nitzberg if she had visited the Traffic Garden in TY Park.

Sharon Nitzberg confirmed visiting TY Park stating it is a little railroad crossing and a stop sign; it does not have a more detailed layout as you would expect on a regular street that a child could learn from, and then convert on to riding their bikes.

Tom Tianich stated that on the odd chance Sharon Nitzberg does not get reappointed next year he is asking to have this item brought back in April 2021 and if we need to put it back on the agenda, then either Claire Garrett or whoever else is on the Board can follow-up.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of 2020 Advisory Board Accomplishments Objectives

There was confusion caused by the word “Accomplishments” which was incorrect; and this agenda item was corrected as the “**Review of 2020 Advisory Board Objectives**” which were approved by the Board on January 13, 2020.

Board members then reviewed the 2020 PRCA Advisory Board Objectives.

General consensus of the Board is that they are doing well practically accomplishing all the objectives.

Tom Tianich asked Cory Styron if an invitation could be extended to the Mayor and Commissioners because there is a lacking in this Objective due to COVID-19 (*Assist in seeking relevant speakers to attend our Board meetings including invitations to our Mayor and Commissioners; and various department representatives*).

Cory Styron responded stating there needs to be a specific request to invite an elected official to the Board meeting.

Board members agreed to review Objectives more often for progress to avoid having last minute final reviews for annual reporting which occurred last year, due to lack of time.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Board members comments

Claire Garrett requested an update from Cory Styron from an email she sent him on July 18th regarding a picture of a coyote sighting on the Orangebrook Golf course that she saw from her backyard.

Cory Styron responded to Claire Garrett stating he would check with Assistant Director David Vazquez, to see if there was any update on that.

Claire Garrett asked for an update on the Student Advisory Board applications.

Sandra Betton responded stating there has been one application received to date from Zohar Wolfson, and he was invited to this meeting, and is currently an attendee in this meeting. We will continue to invite him to each meeting until he is appointed as a permanent member, which hopefully, I would imagine will be in September.

Kathy DiBona asked Cory Styron for an update on the Hollywood Beach Community Center project, and the Harry Berry Park water feature. Kathy also referred to the Goals set by the Board, stating that in prior years by the time the Board came together it was difficult to accomplish; and so the way the current goals are written the Board should be able to do a lot of it, and the Board should follow that format with new members, and more than likely we should have some good accomplishments COVID or no COVID.

Cory Styron responded stating Hollywood Beach received a P3 that was deemed qualified; and they went out with the required additional requests for additional proposals for approximately 120 days, that should close at the end of September.

Kathy DiBona requested update on the status of the Art and Culture Center Project.

Cory Styron responded stating new design was presented to PACO last week and it was well received.

Kathy DiBona asked that the Board to keep those two items under old business.

Tom Tianich asked attendee Louis Bellamy if he had any comments.

Louis Bellamy introduced himself to the Board stating he was just observing as he is interested in serving on one of the Boards.

Jon McMillian questioned if there is a proposal by the City to plant trees at Boggs field that already has financial backing by the City.

Cory Styron responded stating this was done strictly as a volunteer project with guidance from the city for the long-term maintenance and aesthetics of the park and there is no funding.

Jon McMillian questioned why the Board is not moving forward with the City's plan, just to get dirt broken and then augment later with the variety of bushes and trees. It seems logical that if we can fast track this, and if the city has already blessed one proposal, then let us proceed; and then augment later with whatever the Board wants with other species, plants, shrubs and trees.

Catherine Uden reminded the Board of the recommendation for the dune system and continuous Dune on Hollywood beach that the City Commission has not adopted, and Board members need to give their commissioners a reminder. Also concerned about the amount of litter and plastic debris on the beach. She is working on an Ordinance that would prohibit certain single use plastics and foam on city property and city parks, second reading is probably at the end of this month; and asking everyone to support it, because it will reduce the amount of harmful litter.

Claire Garrett asked that Board members are notified when the agenda item will be on the City Commission Agenda so those who wish to communicate individually with their Commissioners can have time to do so.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business, Tom Tianich made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Toliver-Lyons seconded the motion and by voice vote the meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Next Meeting: September 3, 2020 at 6:30PM; Location TBD.