



**MINUTES – OCTOBER 1, 2020 MEETING
VIRTUAL VIA WEBEX**

Chair Tom Tianich called the October 1, 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, Bonnie Fiallo, Sharon Nitzberg, Tom Tianich, Kevin Toliver-Lyons and Catherine (Cat) Uden.

ABSENT: Ettore DeTorres and Jon McMillian.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: David Vazquez, Interim Director, Notosha Lake, Administrative Assistant I, and Sandra Betton, Administrative Assistant II recording the Minutes.

Guest(s): Patricia Antrican.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

October 1, 2020 Meeting

A Motion to approve the Minutes of September 3, 2020 Meeting was made by Claire Garrett; the motion was seconded by Sharon Nitzberg and the Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

PRESENTATION - Department of Public Utilities – Reuse Water

Deputy Director Francois Domond and Senior Project Manager Feng Jiang from Department of Public Utilities gave a brief summary on the City Reuse Water System Process.

Reuse was primarily first established in South Florida in the mid1990s. As of today, we have expanded the system to a certain degree. Primarily, it was a mandate from the State. The goal was to irrigate the main golf courses within the City of Hollywood. We have Orangebrook, Eco Grande and Hillcrest are still taking some of the Reuse water as well as Hollywood Beach Golf Course and also the Diplomat Golf course; with the understanding that the development is changing nonetheless, we are mandated to produce reuse. The reclaim system is located at the

Wastewater Treatment Plant which is on Taft Street and 14th Avenue; and within, which is a regional plant and the capacity of the system overall is eight MGD (Million Gallons per Day). However, only half of it can be used for irrigation purposes. The remaining four are used for internal use inside the waste water treatment plant. In 2008, the ocean outfall rule was implemented.

Francois Domond and Feng Jiang responded to questions and comments regarding the reuse water system.

Tom Tianich thanked Francois Domond and Feng Jiang for attending the meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORT:

David Vazquez gave the following department updates:

- COVID Update - Broward County just sent out an updated EEOC that is being reviewed by the City Manager's office. The Public will be notified of any changes to essentially all city facilities.
- The School Board originally discussed having partial re-openings on Monday, and then complete re-openings on October 20th for all students. Essentially the School Board decision affects us because we offer Elearning pods that helped some parents that were not able to stay home with their children during their virtual learning. Parents were able to drop their kids off at a community center with staff, and then we would monitor the child during their Elearning virtual learning with the school board, and then automatically roll into aftercare program. So essentially, the parents can drop off at 7am and pick up at 6pm. This was a need for individuals in certain circumstances and when the school board decides to reopen fully, we will no longer offer the Elearning programs and we will revert to our aftercare after school programs.
- We have had some successful virtual programming. We had a pet costume contest that went over very well and we had a virtual five k on for Halloween. We are looking at some virtual family Halloween costumes and stuff like that.
- The search for a new director is underway. We will keep you posted.
- The fiscal year 21 budget was passed by the City Commission last week and the fiscal year starts today. From an operational standpoint, the parks department did not receive any reductions.

David Vazquez responded to questions and comments regarding the department update.

TREE SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE (*Tabled from last meeting*)

Tom Tianich gave an update stating the Boggs Field Planting Project will be on October 10th at 9:00am to 11:00am there is a limit of 10 volunteers.

Tom Tianich then checked with Board members to see if they would like to be volunteers.

Extensive discussion ensued amongst Board members regarding the project.

OLD BUSINESS

Creation of a Non-Profit Discussion (Sean Atkinson) Tabled from last meeting

A motion to create a Non-Profit, separate from the Board was made by Tom Tianich. The motion was seconded Kevin Toliver, and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Review of 2020 Advisory Board Goals Tabled from last meeting

Tom Tianich asked Board members to come up with three goals for 2021 and forward them to Sandra Betton to compile a list for discussion at the next Board Meeting.

Harry Berry Park - Water Feature

Tom Tianich reviewed with David Vazquez the possibility of a water feature at Harry Berry Park.

NEW BUSINESS

Half Penny Sales Tax for Parks

Claire Garrett inquired whether the half penny sales tax is realistic and viable. Claire is requesting assistance to guide us to where we can find information about other parks departments around the nation that have employed this method for supplemental funding.

Extensive discussion ensued amongst Board members regarding the half penny sales tax for Parks.

Claire Garrett will do a little research, and bring any information to the group.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business, Claire Garrett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sharon Nitzberg seconded the motion and by voice vote the meeting was adjourned at 9:17pm.

Next Meeting: November 5, 2020 at 6:30PM; Location TBD.