

MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dunedin Community Center

Wednesday, April 3, 2024, 4:00 pm

Members Present: Mark Barten, Michael Bowman, Vice Chairman, Bunny Dutton, Chair, Kathryn Owen, Karen Rader, Alisha Harrison

Presenters: Rick Warner, City Arborist, Summer Camp Staff: Mark Bennett, Alicia Castricone, Joseph Nash, Angel Trueblood

City Staff Present: Jocelyn Brodhead, Recreation Superintendent

Other Attendees: Jake Yencarelli, community member, John Tonga, City Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER: CHAIR BUNNY DUTTON called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE

- a. **Approval of Minutes** – Chair Dutton announced the agenda item and asked if anyone had any additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, Chair Dutton asked for a motion.

MOTION: Motion was made by Karen Rader and seconded by Mike Bowman to approve the March 6, 2024 minutes.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Presentation: Rick Warner, City Arborist, introduced himself and shared his enthusiasm for his new position. Rick formerly was the business owner for Warner Tree Service.
- b. Summer Camp Staff gave an overview of the summer camp, including enrollment and highlights of the ten-week summer camp, June 3-August 9. The camp staff distributed a camp brochure, swim watcher badges and camp t-shirts to the advisory committee members.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Project Updates-

1. **Pickleball Courts-** Jocelyn shared that at the April 2nd City Commission Meeting, ten pickleball courts at Eagle Scout Park were approved. The \$728,516.00 budget includes new fencing, a sidewalk, shade structures, LED low spill lighting, courts, and nets. Jocelyn distributed the design concept and stated that the project will start and may with a projected completion date in early fall.
2. **Aquatic Center** – Jocelyn and her team continue to meet weekly with the architect consultants to plan out more specifics for the office building and

restrooms. They will meet with Natalie Gass, Sustainability Program Manager and Nicole Delfino, Strategy and Sustainability Manager to discuss the Green Globe Concepts. The survey is completed, and the project is on target.

3. **Marina** – Several focus groups have met, and the community survey is completed. The feedback was sent to a consultant to present the recommendations to the city commission soon.
4. **Golf Course Restoration** – Groundbreaking occurred on March 1, 2024. Work is underway on holes 1-9, adjusting the contour, drainage and building the greens. Work on holes 10-18 will begin on April 8th. Bids for the clubhouse renovations are underway as well as the selection of the clubhouse software.

4. OPEN FLOOR

- a. Alisha Harrison asked Jocelyn to inquire about adding a garbage can under the bridge at the Dunedin Causeway.
- b. Jake Yencarelli asked about the process for presenting new ideas for programs. Jocelyn stated that the city utilizes community surveys, networking and observing what is trending for ideas. Jake is interested in tree climbing and high ropes concepts for Dunedin.
- c. Mark Barten asked for an update on the archery range proposed by the Kiwanis as an agenda item for the next meeting.
- d. Chair Dutton asked for other agenda items for the next meeting: smoking ordinance, archery program presentation and any hurricane preparedness updates.
- e. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 1, 2024.

ADJOURN MEETING – Chair Dutton adjourned the meeting at 4:56pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Kathryn Owen, Member

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