

Hammock Advisory Committee Minutes
January 14, 2019 - 6:30 pm

Members present: Steve Fasnacht, Pam Hillestad, Sue Humphreys, Pat Jennings, Victor Johantges, Donna Moore, James Polgar. Members absent: Chris McLaughlin (excused).

Lanie Sheets, Parks & Recreation liaison. Guest: Deputy Beverly Jessica Hughey

Steve Fasnacht called the meeting to order, and took notes in the Secretary's absence. The minutes from November were approved as written (no meeting was held in December).

Report on Police Activity in Hammock (Guest Deputy Hughey)

Several months ago, a violent crime occurred near the Harris Tract entrance prompting nearby citizens to request a Hammock Park safety review. Parks & Recreation therefore requested increased surveillance from Pinellas County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Hughey provided the group with a 3-1/2 month surveillance report of 46 calls as well as installing a surveillance camera on Patricia Avenue near McCarty Street. The most egregious incident was a reported stolen purse. In her opinion, there is no increase in danger within the park.

Stormwater Advisory Committee Liaison Report (Elizabeth Grant)

Elizabeth reports the Storm Water Master Plan is nearing completion, following the Jones Edmunds model. It is currently under review. Susan Foote reported flooding near the Lake Suemar North outflow into channel A.

Committee on Environmental Quality Report (Hans Hillestad)

Pam reported for Hans. He acknowledged the CEQ's help with the 'Ready for 100' effort as Dunedin strives for energy independence.

City Liaison Report/Old Business

Lanie Sheets reported that the informational signs are installed and noted the Friends of the Hammock, Inc.'s contribution. She informed the group that Fern Trail bids came in very high and out of range from the initial bid. She is going to explore ways to align the bid to the original budget by either streamlining the needed elements, reviewing the accuracy of the engineering requirements, etc. The bridge replacement efforts on Harvard and Cedar Trail are still in early process stages.

New Business

In response to a query — yes, bio-degradable dog bags are provided in the park. We were apprised of the new picnic shelter plans.

New positions/vacancies — 2019 term expirations were discussed. James Polgar submitted his resignation. Chris McLaughlin will fill his seat. Donna Moore will become an alternate. Victor Johantges will fill her seat. Steve Fasnacht will no longer chair at the end of his term, but is willing to be appointed as a regular member. Elizabeth Grant is willing to continue. Motion made by Pat Jennings and seconded by Sue Humphreys. Motion passed.

Per the City's committee guidelines, the HAC reviewed its previous year activities for alignment with resolution 03-11. All agreed we were properly following the resolution. No further discussion was held.

A request was made to the group by the chair soliciting items to be included in the 2019 Annual Report to the City Commission.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Next Meeting

February 11, 2019 @ 6:30 pm at Dunedin Community Center.