

City of Dunedin Hammock Advisory Committee (HAC)

Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2019

Dunedin Community Center Meeting Room, 1920 Pinehurst Rd, Dunedin, Florida

HAC members present: Susan Humphreys (Chair), Victor Johantges (Vice-Chair), Chris McLaughlin (Secretary), Patricia Jennings, & Elizabeth Grant, Steve Fasnacht, Pam Hillestad, & Donna Moore (Alternate).

Absences: None.

Vacancy: Alternate position since January 2019.

City Staff: Lanie Sheets (Parks & Recreation Superintendent)

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Chair Humphreys with 16 individuals in attendance.

Meeting Minutes: The March 11, 2019 Minutes were reviewed. **Motion #1** (Ms. Grant): Approve the Minutes as submitted. Ms. Moore seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

The HAC membership roster and contact information was reviewed. Ms. Moore supplied her correct email address and indicated that the second phone number for her was incorrect, Mr. Fasnacht indicated that the first phone number for him was incorrect.

Supervisor's Report (Ms. Sheets): No new news to report as her recent time has been spent at the City Marina. She reported that City Arborist Craig Wilson looked at the tree reported as hanging over the Mira Vista entrance. Underground utilities were recently marked for an upcoming pre-construction meeting having to do with the City's lift station replacement at Hammock Park's main entrance. It was inquired whether a non-profit could take over the Fern Trail boardwalk construction instead of the City. Harris Tract parking was also discussed as the bollard relocation was not done per plan.

Stormwater Advisory Committee Report (Ms. Grant): Ms. Grant reported the latest quarterly meeting took place on April 2. On or around May 8, there will be a report presented on Curlew Creek with City and County stakeholders at the Hale Center. The City's consultant Jones-Edmunds & Associates is about 75% complete with their Stormwater Plan, with an expected completion to be around September. The City is also looking at increasing enforcement and education about stormwater systems with informational kiosks at locations such as Edgewater Drive's outfall structure and other key areas around the City.

Committee on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Report (Hans Hillestad): Mr. Hillestad reported that the City desired a plastic ban but the state legislature is currently considering or has already implemented a ban on plastic bans. It was revealed that curbside recycling is also not what most of the public believes it is which in turn sparked discussion about recycling processes and it was noted that Pinellas County School District does not recycle. The CEQ meeting also discussed solar energy, monitoring Hammock Park rehydration & implement its management plan, and the topic of the Blue Jays stadium and training fields.

Old Business:

- Meeting Frequency:
Motion #2 (Ms. Jennings): Starting with the May 13 HAC meeting, the HAC will change its meeting to a bimonthly frequency and will meet on the second Monday of every odd month (January, March, May, July, September, November). Ms. Grant seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

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- Absenteeism Definition: Members were informed that the City allows for the Committees to make the determination of an excused absence case-by-case basis. Section 2 of Ordinance 01-39 defines three consecutive absences (excused or unexcused) as an automatically forfeiture of a committee member's position.
- Alternate Member Vacancy:
Motion #3 (Ms. Jennings): The City of Dunedin Hammock Advisory Committee recommends the City Commission appoint Hans Hillestad to fill the vacant Alternate Member position. Mr. McLaughlin seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

- Chair Humphreys challenged HAC members to walk Hammock Park frequently.
- Vice-Chair Johantges & Ms. Grant attended the City's Annual Strategic Plan Meeting on April 3. The City identified five "Epic Goals" to pursue with about three of them environmentally related. Goal #4 applied to Hammock Park directly to make it a statewide model for environmental stewardship. They further reported: the Blue Jays stadium was not solar powered because it was an agreement entered prior to the City's "Sustain 100" program, the Causeway bridge was not funded and there were 208 people on city boards and committees with a waiting list of 129 people, and the City Clerk will have drop off dates for the waiting list as it has not been maintained.
- Ms. Sheets reported that the challenge for many City committees has been communication between committees before bringing action items to the City Commission.
- The Friends of the Hammock, Inc. management plan has been posted to their website at <https://hammockpark.org/management-plan>. This will be on the agenda of the next HAC meeting.

Motion #4 (Chair Humphreys): Motioned to adjourn. Mr. McLaughlin seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Next Meeting: **Monday, May 13, 2019** at 6:30pm Dunedin Community Center Meeting Room, 1920 Pinehurst Rd, Dunedin, Florida.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Chris McLaughlin.