

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

Dunedin Community Center, 1920 Pinehurst Road  
Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 4:00 PM

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chair Tom Mahoney

**Attendance**

Members: Tom Mahoney, Mike Bowman (alternate), Greg Martin, Cyndi Raskin-Schmitt, Donna Moore, Manny Koutsourais, Gina Massotto

Staff: Vince Gizzi, Lanie Sheets

Guest: Bunny Dutton

**Approval of Minutes of March 20, 2019 meeting**

- Greg moved to approve the minutes
- Manny seconded the motion
- The committee voted unanimously to approve

**Golf Cart Plan Adjustment**

- Lanie reminded the group that the city has been working on golf cart access for quite a long time and about the recent proposals related to closing some bridge access to Highlander Park
- City Commission received public comments with many residents wanting the Idlewild access to remain open
- As a compromise, city looking to keep the Idlewild Bridge open, but carts not being able to go north. They can go through the neighborhood and around
- Bridge is to be replaced in the future
- June 6 golf cart ordinance is on the city commission agenda

**Dunedin Stirling Links**

- Billy Casper agreement that provides management services expires 3/31/20
- They are not interested in renewing under current contract terms
- City staff looking at several options:
  - #1 Renegotiate new agreement with Billy Casper
  - #2 Seek new private partner via RFP process
  - #3 Return to city operation
  - #4 Merge with Dunedin Golf Club
  - #5 Cease golf operations and replace with City Park
- Group consensus generally favored replacing current use with some sort of park that offers wider public appeal

**Marina Update**

- Harbormaster and marina maintenance person both retired
- Laurie Ferguson filling in for the Harbormaster and doing a good job so far
- Maintenance tech position posted internally and will be filling with current employee, Jason, from the Parks Division
- Harbormaster job posted
  - 75+ applicants
  - 14 of those phone interviewed

- Top 2 finalists will have in-person interview soon

### **New Pool**

- Aquatic complex survey gathering citizen input
- Current pool is old (1977) and needs to be replaced
- Construction planned for 2020

### **New Members**

- Bunny Dutton interested in open alternate spot
  - Longtime resident
  - 1st graduating class of Dunedin High
  - Worked at Mease for 46 years
  - Is on code enforcement and volunteers with Friends of the Library

### **Member & Staff Comments**

- Greg shared that the Arbor Day tree giveaway was a success with 700 trees given out
- Greg shared that the stadium groundbreaking event was very good
- Manny asked about the impact of lights at Vanech
  - Vince replied that there are fewer lights now than previously
- Gina reported a large, unsafe piece of wood in the water near Youth Guild Park
- Gina shared that she has heard negative reports about management and variety of adult exercise classes
  - Vince says classes are full and hasn't heard of any issues, but will look into possible
- Tom shared that he attended the committee chair meeting and it was very informative, focusing on the city's five epic goals (info available on the website)
- Vince shared that the city won an award from the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council for the Live Well campaign
- Vince shared that the Parks & Rec department received a 96% satisfaction rating on the citizens' survey, with high marks in all categories

### **Items for Next Meeting**

- Summer Camp

### **Date for Next Meeting**

Next meeting will be June 19, 2019 at 4 p.m. -- potentially at the Marina

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.