

## City of Dunedin Hammock Advisory Committee (HAC)

Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2020

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

HAC Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays of January, March, May, July, September & November

**HAC Members present:** Susan Humphreys (Chair), Chris McLaughlin (Secretary), Patricia Jennings, Pam Hillestad, Elizabeth Grant, Steve Fasnacht & Donna Moore (Alternate).

**Absences:** None.

**Vacancies:** Member position vacant since December 2019. Alternate position vacant since January 2019.

**City Staff:** Lanie Sheets (Parks and Recreation Superintendent).

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Chair Humphreys with 13 people present.

Housekeeping Notes:

- A quorum was present in accordance with City Resolution 03-11, General Provisions, Section 1.

**Meeting Minutes:** The January 13, 2020 HAC Minutes were reviewed. **Motion #1** (Ms. Jennings): Approve the Minutes as submitted. Ms. Hillestad seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

**Supervisor's Report** (Ms. Sheets):

- **Recognize Speaker:** Ms. Sheets introduced Phillip Beck, Park Maintenance Attendant III of the City Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Beck will be acting as a staff member who is not tasked with maintenance who will help monitoring Hammock Park and the Dunedin Causeway as well as educating the public and will have a schedule of Friday through Monday from 6am – 5pm.
- **Bridge replacements:** The replacement of the two wood bridges over Cedar Creek are moving along, concrete foundations for the new aluminum structures was recently poured and will require 2 weeks to cure before proceeding.
- **Fern Trail Boardwalk:** Bids to vendors for materials have been advertised, these are estimated to run about \$185,000. Quotes for installation of the materials will have to be bid publicly since the three quotes the City received exceeded the \$50,000 sole source maximum. This process will require the bid to be advertised, a month to allow for responses, and an award around May 1. The winning materials bid won't be awarded until the installation bid award to avoid acquiring materials that may sit. Installation expected to be in the summer.
- **Picnic Shelters:** The city is replacing two picnic shelters, this is scheduled for April. The concrete columns were starting to crack.
- **Boardwalk Redecking:** The boardwalk on Osprey Trail is redocked in phases over time. The handrails on the east side are the first priority and side rails are the second priority.
- **HAC Member vacancy:** The City Commission is expected to appoint Robert Spangler to the vacant member position at its meeting on March 17.

**Stormwater Advisory Committee (SAC) Report** (Ms. Grant): The most recent SAC meeting was held on January 7<sup>th</sup>, there was nothing new to report. Ms. Grant attended the Stormwater Master Plan Citizen Input Meeting on February 4 at the Hale Center and reported that it more of an open house review of the results than a town hall discussion.

**Committee on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Report** (Vacant): The previous volunteer liaison resigned from this position so Members were asked who may be willing to report on the CEQ. If no one is able to attend, CEQ's minutes could be reviewed at the next HAC meeting.

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### Old Business:

- 2019 Annual Report – Chair Humphreys distributed the draft Annual Report. The Annual Report is a required submittal to the City Commission that summarizes the issues and accomplishments of the HAC over the previous year. The Annual Report will touch on the progress of recommendations from the 2013 Hammock Park Management Plan prepared by King Engineering. Ms. Sheets reminded the Members that these items were “recommendations”, not “requirements”.
  - After discussion, **Motion #2** (Secretary McLaughlin): Approve the 2019 Annual Report (as amended) for submittal to the City Commission. Ms. Hillestad seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.
  - Ms. Moore reported that when the HAC was formed, a botanist and a Dunedin High School biology teacher were Members and provided their unique expertise as well as an opportunity for students to volunteer.

### New Business:

- Lake Suemar Fish: – On January 30<sup>th</sup>, the City reportedly sprayed Lake Suemar as it does monthly. The next day many small fish were found dead on the pond’s surface. The numbers were in the hundreds per the City, in the thousands per neighboring residents. The City Stormwater Department said the lake had low oxygen levels due to many consecutive cloudy days and the proximity to the spraying was a coincidence. Technicians from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection took water samples, no results are available yet but should go to Whitney Marsh of the City’s Stormwater Department. This topic was suggested to be moved to Old Business and revisited at the next HAC meeting.
- Hammock Waterways – Ms. Humphreys requested Members bring forth discussion regarding silting, erosion, Lake Suemar, etc. at the next HAC meeting.

Chair Humphreys adjourned the meeting at 7:27pm.

Next Meeting: **Monday, May 11, 2020** at 6:30pm Dunedin Community Center Meeting Room, 1920 Pinehurst Rd, Dunedin, Florida.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Chris McLaughlin.