

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

Dunedin Community Center Meeting Via Zoom  
September 16, 2020

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chair Tom Mahoney

**Attendance**

Members Present: Michael Bowman, Manny Koutsourais, Tom Mahoney, Greg Martin, Gina Massotto,

Alternates Present: Betty Edelman

Members Absent: Bunny Dutton, Donna Moore

Staff Present: Vince Gizzi, Jocelyn Broadhead

Guests Present: Justin Spinello

**Approval of Minutes of January 15, 2020 meeting**

- Mike B. moved to approve the minutes
- Greg seconded the motion
- The committee voted unanimously to approve

**Douglas Property**

Vince shared the background and environmental value, as well as the importance of the property as park land, to both the city and the county. The current status is that the appraised value is all that the city, county or state can offer, but a developer has offered more. There are possibilities of securing grant monies to assist in the purchase of the land parcels. Strategic financial discussions are taking place between the county, state and city.

**Archery Presentation**

Justin Spinello explained the concept of using a portion of Stirling Park for an archery range and further developing the existing program currently offered by the Recreation Division. He referred to his correspondence as he discussed his research and the Eastman Foundation Grant, which could be a source of funds in creating such a program. The questions that were left unanswered were how the funding and administration of operations of such a program and the possible impact to the city and how the ongoing expense would be covered. Vince made it clear to the committee before and after the presentation that a community involvement process would take place before any decisions or recommendations on park amenities are made.

**Dunedin Middle School Co-location AGREEMENT**

Jocelyn reported that the 16-year old Co-Location Agreement between the city and the school board was terminated by the school board. Part of the area is now under construction for a high school baseball team practice field. Under the Joint Use Agreement, which allows for facility sharing, the department has been approved to offer recreation drop in programming in the remaining open field space Tuesday through Saturday 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM beginning October 6, 2020. The department is currently identifying staff to work the site.

### **Highlander Pool Update**

Vince reported on the condition of the pool which is 42 years old. He explained the current needs, the cost of repairs or replacement of the lap pool and the entire facility. A study will be made of the grounds beneath the pool and what is necessary to replace the pool as a beginning to updating the aquatic center. The finding will be presented to the City Commission in January.

### **Fall Programs/Facility Openings**

Jocelyn stated that all facilities are up and running smoothly. They are following the proper protocol and in compliance with the mandates. The attendance and usage has slowly increased. The summer programs were challenging but went well. The discussion and planning for special events and holiday events will be held before our next meeting. This will be reported on at that time.

### **Open to the Floor**

Tom reported that Mike Jones and Cindy Raskin-Schmitt resigned and there are two openings. Tom has several applications that he will share next meeting. The members voted to move Betty Edelman from alternate to member. It was unanimously agreed upon. We also discussed Bunny Dutton being moved up to a regular member as well. This will be discussed at the next meeting. Gina brought up the need for a secretary. Greg questioned the popularity of archery and if it will be accepted in the community.

### **Future Meeting Topics**

Vince mentioned Special Events and the updating of on-going programs during the Covid times.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:41pm.

### **Date for Next Meeting**

Next meeting will be October 21, 2020.

Respectfully submitted  
Gina Massotto  
Vice Chair