



RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD

Dan Samaria
Chairman

Noah Jacobs
Charly McDonald
Walter Pettis

MINUTES
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Ed Burke Recreation Center, 11400 NE 9th Court
Wed. August 27, 2014 at 7:00PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Walter Pettis, Dan Samaria, Noah Jacobs

3. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR WITHDRAWALS TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

Dan thanked Rosemary Weiss for her gift of a small cotton candy machine for the Rec. Board. Also asked the board if we can reimburse her for it. It was second by Walter and was approved 3-0. 5e. Resignation of Manny Espinosa as a board member, add 5i. Refrigerator for rec. center, add 8a. Work on the Halloween event, 8b. Event in September in reference to the health and fun walk.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Before the minutes would be approved the City Manager wanted part of the minutes to be refuted, after a long discussion a motion was made to strike 5e by Walter and was second by Jacobs. It passed 2-1 with Dan saying no.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Dan welcomed new board member former Mayor Noah Jacobs to the board and reminded the board that he could be a great help for the board.

b. Dan also introduce the board to the new Parks and Recreation Director Shelecia Barkley who replaced Issa. Ms. Barkley informed the board of her back ground: she is from Coral Springs with her 3 year tenure, she has a bachelors and master's degree in sports and recreation management and then done many community based internships with Miami Dade parks and recreation; also worked with the Utah Salt Lake City parks and recreation department as well.

c. There was a discussion of new park rules and regulations for the Rec. Center. Shelecia informed the board that the new rules were not in place yet. She was currently going through the Miami Dade rules. Heidi informed the board the rules need to be uniform and signage need to be uniform for the proper enforcement



by staff and law enforcement. And asked the board to table it till sept. Jacobs suggested that she should look at other counties for best practices. Dan asked aren't there regulations about how this limits outsiders access to this equipment because we get money from the state? Heidi , we are looking at standardizing the rules for all use to formalize and professionalize all the rules; next step will be, we are not looking at any restrictions of use based on color, creed, height, weight, etc. Dan ok does that have to do with the cameras and lights? Heidi just the upkeep of the rec. center. Dan made a motion and second by Walter and approved 3-0 to move it to Sept. meeting.

d. Dan reminded the board that a resident at our last "Meet the Residents" had an idea with our future fundraiser that we have fitness machines outside around the rec. center, but it was coming up as too much money, so they made a suggestion that we buy a piece at a time. Some of the suggestion was that: bolted down, weather proof, Rec. Board would work with the foundation, Dan give some examples, placed around the outside of the rec. center, Dan also brought up ideals for placement: how much could the board raise that about \$200.00 an event, discussion of fundraising limitations on the rec. board, also that the board work with the administration on events not just on rec. board events, don't know how much it would cost, no timeframe, the whole package might be \$30,000.00, hoping to work the foundation to raise the money,

e. Dan discussed with the board an ideal that was also brought up by a resident Rosemary Weiss. She gave dan the name of a caller for a square dance to be held at the rec. center. The board thought it was a good idea and we would look into it.

f. Dan discussed with the board the 9/11 commemoration which will be held sat. Sept 13 from 7-8p.m. dan asked the board and village to help improve attendance for the event. Since it was short notice dan expected it to be for residents only, hoping for a bigger turnout for next year, the board was informed by the city manager that the village staff are limited so it would be harder to support, they will publicized by email and on the village website, the board will try to have a color guard, possibly a film. A motion for the event with a color guard with a color guard to honor the memory of 9/11 on Sept. 13, from 7-8p.m was made by Jacobs and was second by Walter and passed 3-0. The board also discussed selling hot dogs and popcorn at the event as a fundraising opportunity. Jacobs asked the Manager for specific language regarding fundraising for board Manager agrees to do this. Dan informed Jacobs that the commission already did that. The manager suggests that a board member comes to public comment at the sept. 9 commission meeting to ask for fundraising for the event.



g. Dan brought up what happened at the last “Meet the Residents” especially from the new board member that we had 19 residents who attended, and that it was catered by dan’s company Creepy Critters Pest Control and foundation DASK Children Foundation and we had \$89.00 in donations for the Rec. Center. Dan has informed the board the next “Meet the Residents” would be held Sept. 23 at our next meeting.

i. The board honored Rosemary Weiss for helping to clean and organize the Rec. Center which was left a mess under Issa’s watch.

j. Dan read the letter from Manny Espinosa resignation which read: I will not be attending tonight’s meeting, I’m extremely busy at the business and will continue for the rest of 2014. Please find someone who can replace me. Sorry but I have to set up priorities at this time.

k. Rosemary Weiss purchased a new cotton candy out of her pocket and Dan wanted the board to reimburse her for the money. A motion was by Jacobs to reimburse her the full amount of \$53.72 it was second by Walter passed 3-0.

j. Dan asked the board if they can support the idea of the rec. board buy the Rec. center a new refrigerator because it was damaged because the administration was putting a lock on it and there was a problem when they tried to put it they drilled into the door of it and damaged it. A motion that the board set aside \$500.00 if the administration cannot find anyone to donate one. The reason for that amount Jacobs reminded the board that there are other numerous other items on the radar for the rec. center as popcorn machine, exercise equipment. He asked can we split the cost with the village as they have the ability to raise necessary funds. The manager reminded that the village was holding about \$1,000.00 for the rec. board and that it had to be used by Sept 30, or it goes into the general fund of the village. Dan informed the manager that is not true that last year was asked the village for the money to be made out to the Foundation and they would put it into our acct. over there and that we don’t have to rush to spend it. The manager said she confirm with the finance director whether this would be allowed this year or would it cause an audit exception. The board also discussed Can we reach out to others to donate? Last year rec. board was allowed to roll money that was held by the village to the Foundation and there should be no reason why we can’t do that now. Jacobs we should find some way that the commission should allow boards to do more fundraising. He also said that he will send out email in 10 days and he will send a draft of email to the board and the Manager. The manager says he cannot do that it would be a violation of sunshine. He reminded her it would not, a motion was made by Jacobs that if the village is unable to secure a donation of a refrigerator by the 12



of Sept., the rec. board would work towards purchasing one for the rec. center up to the dollar amount of \$500.00. It was second by Walter and passed by 3-0.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. A report was given by Rec. Center director in ref. to Garbage can enclosure project. She informed the board that the staff will work on it, she hopes to be done by next meeting or she will update the board.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

8. FUTURE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

a. The Rec. Director informed the board will be held Friday the 31 of Oct. along with the board's Children Safety Day will be held the say day. The board talked about: preparations for children safety day in getting vendors and sponsors. The board also talked about the haunted house which will be held at the rec. center. The Children Safety would be from 4-5:30 p.m., with the whole event is from 4-7:30 p.m. The Village now was the Haunted house for the children to be for older children 10-12. The board didn't think that we should the ages that we had in the past. Some of the events might include bounce house, scavenger hunt 5:30-7:30 p.m. Jacobs moves to support the schedule, with changes as necessary, second by Walter passed by 3-0.

b. There was a discussion in ref. to the Fun run and health expo held by the Village. We will try to get possible vendors, smoothies, healthy foods. The event starts at 8:30 and run concludes 11 or 12. And that there is Pancake fundraiser for one of the residents Jasmine of Biscayne Park. The event is to try to raise money to get her a wheelchair the target is \$3,000. To 5,000.00. The village is allowing her to have the rec. center free of charge. Before we were to end the meeting, Dan hopes that the board members would be able to attend the events and help the village in any way they can. Jacobs also hope that we will have block parties and encourage residents to get involved as a community event. The board agreed.

9. Future Fund Raising

9a. Dan asked the other members to come up with new ideas

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS / SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING – The next meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board is **Tues. 23, 2014**, at 7:00PM.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Before we adjourned Dan informed the board that there was food and drinks sponsored by his Company Creepy Critters Pest Control and DASK Children Foundation. A motion was made at 8:27p.m by Walter and was second by Patrick passed 3-0.