

PUBLIC NOTICE AND AGENDA OF THE GROVELAND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED TO CONVENE AT **6:30 P.M. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021** IN THE E. L. PURYEAR BUILDING LOCATED AT 243 S. LAKE AVENUE, GROVELAND, FLORIDA 34736

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CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF CONDUCT

- **We may disagree, but we will be respectful of one another.**
- **We will direct all comments to issues.**
- **We will avoid personal attacks.**
- **Audience members wishing to speak must be recognized by the Chairperson.**
- **Speaking without being recognized will be considered “Out of Order.”**

OPENING CEREMONIES

- a. Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of Approval:

- August 10, 2021 RAC Meeting Minutes

PRESENTATIONS

1. Sarah Pond, Events Coordinator - Recap of Past and Future Events

OLD BUSINESS

1. Capital Improvement Plan (For Review Only)

NEW BUSINESS

2. Presentation for Approval - Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Master Plan
Dr. David Barth

REPORTS

- a. Committee Member Reports

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

Groveland Code of Ordinances Sec. 2-58 (f). Any person desiring to address the Council shall first secure the permission of the presiding officer and shall give his name and address for the record. All remarks shall be addressed to the Council as a body and not to any member thereof unless permission to do so is first granted by the presiding officer. Unless further time is granted by the presiding officer or the council, member of the public shall limit their discussion or address to no more than five minutes. No question shall be asked a council member or city official except through the presiding officer.

If your address is exempt from public record you are not required to state it. In addition, do not give out your Social Security Number, phone number, email address or any other information you do not want others to have access to as the meetings are recorded and those recordings are considered public record.

Pursuant to the provisions of Chap. 286, F.S., Sec. 286.0105, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by this body with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record may include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based and is advised to make such arrangements at his or her own expense.

**In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 286.26, Florida Statute, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this meeting should contact the City Clerk's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.*

**City of Groveland
E.L. Puryear Building**

**Recreation Advisory Committee (RAC)
Minutes**

August 10, 2021

The Recreation Advisory Committee (RAC) held a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at the E.L. Puryear Building located at 243 S. Lake Avenue, Groveland, FL 34736. Chairperson Amanda Traywick called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. with the following committee members present: Vice-Chair Paula Hall, David Badillo, Joscelyn Campbell, Linda Cowels, and Chuck Kenzig. Absent were Shana Martin and School Representative Ryan Wright. City officials present were Parks and Community Services Director Mike Walker and Recording Secretary Leota "Dodie" Barger.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were submitted to the Recording Secretary to be read into the record by the start time of this meeting.

ROLL CALL

Recording Secretary Barger called the roll and 6 of 8 members were present, quorum was met.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the July 13, 2021 RAC Meeting Minutes:

Motion: Vice Chair Hall moved for approval of the July 13, 2021 minutes and the motion was seconded by Committee Member Badillo. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

**1. Mike Walker – Parks and Community Services Director
Recap of Past and Future Events**

Director Walker provided the RAC with an overview of the events held since the last RAC meeting.

Wacky Wednesday Waterdays

07-14 at Jimmy Thomas Memorial Park. We handed out 91 Kona Ice's that day so we had a great turnout.

07-21 at John Wesley Griffin Park with 30 in attendance.

07-28 at David Blanks Playground with 50 in attendance.

08-04 Marion Baysinger Memorial Library with 50 in attendance.

Director Walker noted they always bring a non-profit to the event whether it be the Care Foundation or Birds of Prey, they are 501C-3 groups that house and home all types of critters and for a fee they come out and educate the children about the various animals. The Wacky Wednesday Waterdays has been a great success.

07/30 – Backpack Bash at Hope International Church. We passed out 450 backpacks the day of and we distributed the remaining 300 throughout the community with the assistance of Hope International, Anointed Ministries and local school resource officers. Overall, 800 backpacks were distributed throughout the community.

08/06 – Cherry Lake Park Progress Plan Public Meeting at Cherry Lake Park with about 50 residents in attendance. The boards in front of you were on display at the meeting and residents had an opportunity to speak with Dr. Barth and Elizabeth Manley to provide input on the plan. Chairperson Traywick and Vice-Chair Hall were there and their attendance was appreciated.

08/06 – Back to School Movie Night at Cherry Lake Park after the Public Meeting concluded, Monsters University was aired with food vendors present.

08/13 – Second Friday Farmer's Market will be held at the Lake David Splash pad area with 18 Vendors registered and the DJ truck as entertainment. As a note, we will be shifting the Farmer's Market back up to the Amphitheater beginning in September.

09/10 – Second Friday Farmer's Market this event will be held back at the Amphitheater and we will be incorporating a September 11th Remembrance.

2. Dr. David Barth/Elizabeth Manley-Cherry Lake Park Phase II

Elizabeth Manley gave a detailed overview of the Cherry Lake Phase II design with input from Dr. Barth. A lengthy discussion took place and overall the committee members were very happy with the design. Committee Member Kenzig suggested the addition of an open-air shelter. There were a view concerns expressed by Chairperson Traywick and Vice Chair Hall regarding the number of basketball courts, tennis courts, and size of the playground. In addition, concern

was expressed regarding safety of children playing in the back area at the adventure playground. Chairperson Traywick recommended there be fencing and cameras throughout the park. A motion was made by Committee Member Kenzig to approve the plan as presented with the addition of an open-air shelter and recommendation to review the number of basketball and tennis courts on the plan. The motion did not receive a second and failed.

Further discussion took place and Committee Member Cowels made a motion to approve the Cherry Lake Progress Plan as presented this evening contingent upon the following changes:

- 1) Eliminate one basketball court, leaving two basketball courts.
- 2) Eliminate two tennis courts, leaving two tennis courts.
- 3) Design of the park will ensure safety concern is a high priority,
- 4) Expand playground area off adventure course area.
- 5) Add a large programmable pavilion area.

The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Hall.

The Recording Secretary took a roll call vote and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Committee Member Joscelyn Campbell – Challenged Champions and Heroes

Committee Member Campbell thanked the committee for their support of the Challenged Champions and Heroes Awards Banquet and presented pins to those members who were not able to attend the banquet.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Capital Improvement Plan

Mike Walker – Parks and Community Services Director

Director Walker noted the Capital Improvement Plan was included in the committee member's packet for their review. He briefly noted the re-paving of the Senior Center parking lot began today.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Parks Master Plan – “Draft” Staffing Program Plan

Mike Walker – Parks and Community Services Director

Director Walker noted this information has been included for the committee's review and will be presented in the entire Parks Master Plan document that will come before the committee at their September meeting. The Parks Master Plan will then go to City Council at their September 20th meeting for review and approval.

As part of this plan, you will find on page eleven, the Recreation Programming component that includes a list of events for the coming year to include:

- Christmas
- July 4th
- Halloween
- Lake David Park Movie Night
- Drive-In Movie Night
- Summer Splash
- Wacky Water Wednesday's
- Farmers Market

Director Walker suggested the following events be added to the list:

- Founders Celebration
- Easter
- Memorial Day
- Back to School Backpack
- Dia de los Muertos
- Cinco de Mayo
- Juneteenth
- Veteran's Day
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All committee members approved of these events being added.

Director Walker went on to identify some of our community partners on page 12. He noted this list will continue to grow as we are not able to provide all of the programming ourselves so we will continue to look for ways to partner within the community. In the next month or so, we will be finalizing a partnership agreement with Hope International Church for programming.

Page 13 and 14 identifies some programming areas we will consider in the future.

Page 15 identifies programming trends nationwide.

Page 20 identifies core programming the city will focus on in the next few years, secondary programs that we will reach out for partnerships and support programs, which we will reach out to others to provide.

Director Walker asked for the committee's comments on the document.

Chairperson Traywick asked for a motion.

Motion:

Committee Member Cowles motioned for approval of the "Draft" Staffing Program Plan as presented and the motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

2. **John Wesley Griffin Park**

Mike Walker – Parks and Community Services Director

Director Walker noted John Wesley Griffin Park is the third park to be reviewed. Committee members provided their evaluations and discussion took place.

3. **Christmas Parade Theme**

Mike Walker – Parks and Community Services Director

Director Walker noted with this being Groveland's 100th anniversary we should choose a Centennial theme for the paraded.

Discussion took place and the committee choose:

“Lighting the Way –Groveland’s 100 Years”

REPORTS

a. **Committee Member Reports**

Committee Member Joscelyn Campbell

Committee Member Joscelyn Campbell noted she attended the Farmer's Market, Back to School Backpack Bash and the Challenged Champions and Heroes Award Banquet. She noted the Mayor offered a proclamation to recognize July 29th as Challenged Champions and Heroes Day in the City of Groveland.

Vice Chair Paula Hall

Vice-Chair Paula Hall noted she participated in a Zoom meeting with Dr. Barth, attended the Challenged Champions and Heroes Banquet, Back to School Backpack Bash, Cherry Lake Park Progress Plan meeting, and the Back to School Movie Night.

Committee Member Linda Cowels

Committee Member Linda Cowels noted she attended a meeting with the principal of Groveland Elementary to secure the partnership with the Elise Tomlin Center and Wacky Wednesday Waterday. The Elise Tomlin students helped with stuffing the backpacks.

Committee Member David Badillo

No Report

Committee Member Chuck Kenzig

Committee Member Chuck Kenzig noted he met with Dr. Barth and Elizabeth Manley to discuss Cherry Lake Park.

Chairperson Amanda Traywick

Attended the Cherry Lake Park Progress Plan event.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Gris noted he attended the Cherry Lake Park Progress Plan event and thought the presentation was fantastic. He offered his thoughts on the design.

NEXT MEETING:

Chairperson Traywick noted the next RAC meeting will be on September 14th.

Adjournment

Chairperson Amanda Traywick adjourned the meeting at 9:30 pm.

Chairperson Amanda Traywick

Attest:

Leota "Dodie" Barger, Recording Secretary