

**MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING
HAINES CITY, FLORIDA**

January 16, 2018

5:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Daniel Stanton called to order the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting to order on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 in the City Commission Chambers located at 620 E. Main Street, Haines City, FL.

Board Members Daniel Stanton, David Graham, and Linda Kuchta.

Absent: Ben Krezminski, Kenneth Felix, and Tyrhon Crawford

Staff in attendance was Parks and Recreation Director Terell Griffin, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jeff Jones Parks and Recreation Supervisor Tom Mallernee, and Deputy City Clerk Eric Anderson.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Kuchta moved to approve the minutes from the 12/12/2017 meeting. Board Member Graham seconded the motion, the motion was approved unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Parks and Recreation Director Terrell Griffin introduced himself to the board.

There were no members of the public to come forward and speak with the board.

4. REVIEW OF MASTERPLAN CONT.

Chair Stanton suggested diversifying the pools and not duplicating efforts.

Discussion amongst the board surrounded the following topics:

- 8 Acre Park
- Boomerang Park
- Splash Park
- Skate park for 8 acre park
- Sports Complex
- Cook Field
- Lake Eva - possible Farmers Market and Food Trucks
- Opportunities to advance volunteer - friends of the park
- Staffing for Parks and Recreation
- Moβιλe Marketing
- Disc Golf
- Dog Park

Director Griffin noted that the demographics for the suggested areas would need to be surveyed to determine need.

Further, concession contracts by the city for sports was discussed for monetary gain. It was determined this would actually cost the city more money.

5. BOARD COMMENTS

The board discussed future agenda items.

Commissioner Huffman thanked the board for their service and encouraged the board to focus on the existing things that need to be done before they focus on new things. She stated she is a proponent for the dog park but may not be in support of new things getting started before existing things get done, such as: maintenance, upgrades, 8 Acre, Legacy and Boomerang park to start. She continued and suggested the board formulate a 6 month plan and see what that looks like. There has to be a plan in place, something needs to be done so that the community can see and touch the progress. Until the commissioners approve a masterplan there is not one. She concluded by stating, she would like to know what she has to look forward to.

Chair Stanton assured the audience he does not intend on being a board that talks but one that puts things into action. He stated, we need to focus on small and medium projects alike and should think about having a game plan for the year by May. With it we can apply for accreditation, we would like to be able to apply for or at least close to applying for accreditation by December. Disc golf would be considered a small project, accreditation would be a big project. He concluded by saying, we would like to have someone from the cemetery or library for the next meeting.

Commissioner West thanked the board for their service and talked about the history of the old pool and why he was a proponent for the new pool. There is a need for a pool on the north side of town. He went on to say that 8 Acre is not a park that is restricted to the Oakland Neighbor hood, but is a highly used park. The Dolphus Howard building will not be insured for hazardous reasons. What you do there should be something to be utilized by the persons in the community. Lastly, he applauded the board for all that they do.

Board Member Graham stated he would like to see accreditation on a future agenda. The board requested environmental issues, overview of the accreditation process and cemeteries on future agendas.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Without any further business, the Parks and Recreation Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

The next Parks and Recreation Board Meeting will be on February, 13th 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

APPROVED: _____

BY:

ATTEST:

Linda Bourgeois
City Clerk