

**Recreation Commission
Board Meeting Minutes
City Manager's Conference Room
February 17, 2020**

2/17/2020 - Minutes

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

Members Present: Keri Hunt, Darryl Washington - PAL, Jim Reddick, Laura Donaldson, Robbie Shields - Lake Wales Soccer Club, Scott Blackburn- Chair

City Staff - Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk; Stephanie Edwards, Recreation Coordinator

Guests: Chris Wiseman - Candlelight Christian Academy

2. Communications And Petitions

Jim Reddick said that the crosswalks, especially the ones along Lake Shore Blvd, need to be repainted and the signs need flashing lights. The area near the ball fields was especially a concern for safety. This was discussed.

3. Minutes

The minutes of January 13, 2020 were reviewed. Robbie Shields made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

4. Parks And Recreation Updates

Stephanie Edwards reported that the purchase of the YMCA was approved by the Commission. She explained how the new relationship will work. The YMCA will still operate the building but it will be City owned. She will oversee the transition. City residents will get a half price membership. The building will get some upgrades including being connected to City water and sewer. She said they are looking to add new programs such as a Learn to Swim program, gymnastics, and volleyball. Facility upgrades and possible programming changes were discussed. Darryl Washington asked if there would be any public meetings on the programming. Ms. Edwards said there will be opportunities for public input but the format hasn't been determined yet.

A question was asked about the RFQ for the Master Plan. Ms. Edwards said that has not been posted or sent out yet.

Ms. Edwards reported that the awnings have been installed over the bleachers at the Little League Fields. The roof at the Kirkland gym has been repaired. There is now wi-fi at the gym.

The tennis courts at the High school were resurfaced. The High School is now using both the school courts and the city courts,.

5. Recreation Needs

The high use of various fields and facilities were discussed including the need for fees. The Chair says they have met with representatives of the Charter Schools on this issue. The possible use of the 1919 School property by the Charter Schools was discussed.

The use of the Northwest complex by travel ball teams and possibly charging fees were discussed.

Ms. Edwards said that she will be working on the budget soon and asked everyone to come up with requests to be submitted.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be March 16, 2020.

Chair/Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary