

**Recreation Commission
Board Meeting Minutes
Commission Chambers
May 17, 2021**

5/17/2021 - Minutes

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

Members Present: Scott Blackburn - Chair, Robbie Shields - Soccer, Laura Donaldson, Carol Yarborough - Pickleball, Patty McKeeman - Pram Fleet, Kara Wiseman - Library,

Guests: Keri Hunt

Staff: Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk, Stephanie Edwards Recreation Manager,

A quorum was present.

Chair Scott Blackburn called the meeting to order.

2. Communications And Petitions

3. Minutes

The minutes of April 19, 2021 were reviewed. Robbie Shields made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

4. Parks And Recreation Updates

Park Avenue Connector Trail: Stephanie Edwards described the trail that will go along Park Avenue. The 100% design documents are nearing completion. Hopefully we can go out to bid this summer and construction can start in the fall. She showed maps of a possible trail system in Lake Wales. Patty McKeeman asked about surveying she saw being done. Ms. Edwards said she wasn't sure what that was for.

YMCA update: Stephanie Edwards reported on the upgrades at the YMCA including the AC and electrical, and parking lot. Fencing and other upgrades are yet to be done. A question was asked about other trees in the parking lot. Ms. Edwards said nothing additional is being planned just the palm trees there now. Additional hours and programming will be discussed in the future. Middle School volleyball has started again.

Recreation Master Plan - Ms. Edwards reported on the recent public workshops held and surveys that were sent out. She showed on the website how the public can add comments. Examples and ideas were discussed.

Ms. Edwards reported that next week the soccer fields will be closed for the summer for maintenance.

There are plans to replace the roof at the Austin Center.

Keri Hunt mentioned that Lake Wailes Lake needs to be cleaned up.

Ms. Edwards reported that there will be a 4th of July event with fireworks and normal activities.

Jennifer Nanek said that due to recent executive orders from the Governor and modified CDC guidelines the meetings can no longer be virtual. Masks and social distancing are optional. She asked if they would prefer

to meet in the Chambers or back in the Conference Room as before. There was discussion and consensus to continue to use the Chambers.

Jennifer Nanek said that the two citizen spots on the board terms expire in June. She will invite the members, Laura Donaldson and Jim Reddick, to apply to rejoin. Keri Hunt was invited to sign up for a new term. The applications will be brought to the June meeting for recommendation to the Commission.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is June 21, 2021

Chair/Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary