

MINUTES  
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 11, 2016  
COUNCIL BRIEFING ROOM, CITY HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leo Bell, Jr. (Vice-Chairperson)  
Reginald Hurd  
Don Johnson (Chairperson)  
Roderick Lee  
Alexander McLachlan  
Ed Priest

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Eugenia Rodgers

Bart Stevenson, Staff Liaison and Timothy Hamilton, Parks Superintendent and Kamecha Johnston, Park Ranger, were City staff members in attendance. Recording Secretary, Pam Willis, was not in attendance.

Chairperson Johnson noted that there was a quorum present and began the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Item #1 – Public Discussion Period:

No one was present to speak during the public discussion period.

Item #2 – Discussion and Consider Approval of Minutes:

Chairperson Johnson asked if everyone had read over the December 14, 2015 minutes. A motion for approval was made by Vice-Chairperson Leo Bell, Jr. and a second was made by Board member Hurd to approve the December 14, 2015 minutes as written. A vote was taken with 6 For; and 0 Against. Board member Rodgers was not present for the vote. Minutes were approved as written.

Item #3 – Staff Reports:

- A. **Park Ranger Report** – Chairperson Johnson asked Officer Johnston to give her report. She reported that there were 227 directed patrols. There was 1 city ordinance violation; 1 aggravated robbery at Lions Park over the sale of a hoverboard; 10 traffic stops; and 5 citations given. It was suggested that the Police Department look into creating a “Safe Zone” at the Police Station for online sale exchanges.
- B. **Upcoming Events and Programs** – Mr. Stevenson reminded everyone that the Daddy Daughter Dance is on Saturday, February 6, 2016. It will have a Cinderella theme this year. The next Board meeting is Monday, February 8, 2016. He also wanted the Board to recognize Black History Month on Saturday, February 20, 2016.
- C. **Update on FY16 Capital Projects** – Mr. Stevenson updated the Park Board on the near completion of the batting cages and provided a timeline for the playgrounds.
- D. **Boxing at the Fieldhouse** – It was noted that the state boxing program is an independent program.
- E. **City Mobility** – Leo Bell noted that City Manager Hugman mentioned city mobility as a Council priority at the last Council meeting. He requested additional information about what this entails.
- F. **FY17 Budget Preparations** – Mr. Stevenson noted that budget season is around the corner and an agenda item would be placed on the next Park Board agenda to discuss capital projects. He encouraged the Board to seek input from their neighbors and friends on what our citizens want for our parks.
- G. **Park Master Plan Process** – Mr. Stevenson informed the Board the city is in the RFQ process to receive proposals from interested consultants for the city’s comprehensive plan. It is expected that the City Council will award a contract in April. Since the Park Master Plan is anticipated to take approximately 4 months less time, it is anticipated that RFQ’s for the Park Master Plan will begin in early summer.

Item #4 – Discuss and Consider Playground Proposals for Harrington Park:

Staff presented to the Board the three proposals received from GameTime, Playworld, and Landscape Structures. The Board discussed the merits of each proposal and then each member ranked their list one to three. After tallying the results, it was determined that Landscape Structures was the most desirable playground for Harrington Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m. unanimously.



Pam Willis  
Recording Secretary



Don Johnson  
Chairperson