

City of Alachua



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PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes

April 1, 2013

Chair Ernest Wigglesworth
Vice-Chair Mike Schentrup
Member Laurie Friedlander Hall
Member James Curington
Member Billy Rogers

Parks & Recreation Director Hal Brady

**MEETING LOCATION: JAMES A. LEWIS COMMISSION CHAMBERS, Municipal Complex, City Hall
15100 NW 142nd Terrace, Alachua, Florida**

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board held a meeting on April 1, 2013 at 3:30 pm in the James A. Lewis Commission Chambers, City Hall, 15100 NW 142 Terrace, Alachua, Florida.

Members Present: Chair Ernest Wigglesworth, Vice-Chair Mike Schentrup, Member Bill Rogers, Member James Curington and Member Laurie Friedlander Hall.

Staff Present: Parks & Recreation Director Hal Brady, Assistant City Manager Adam Boukari, Executive Assistant Kimberly Vermillion and Compliance and Risk Management Director, Cap Wilson.

CALL TO ORDER

Led by Chair Wigglesworth at 3:41 p.m.

INVOCATION

Led by Member Rogers

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PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Led by Chair Wigglesworth

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Chair Wigglesworth called for nominations for Chair. Vice-Chair Schentrup nominated Ernest Wigglesworth for Chair.

Passed by unanimous consent.

Chair Wigglesworth called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Member Hall nominated Mike Schentrup for Vice-Chair.

Passed by unanimous consent.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Member Schentrup moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Member Rogers.

Passed by unanimous consent.

I. OLD BUSINESS**A. 09.24.12 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

Member Friedlander-Hall moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Member Rogers.

Passed by unanimous consent.

B. Swick House Improvements

Cap Wilson provided a staff report of the new plans for renovating the Swick House. Wilson stated the new plans show the entire house will be done to include a new roof, new patio, all new vinyl wood flooring, two new meeting rooms, several more doors to the outside, four new handicap accessible bathrooms, one renovated bathroom, and one new outside bathroom. This would also include new lighting, inside and out and landscaping. Wilson stated the full set of plans will be complete April 10th and ready for bid documents.

Member Schentrup inquired if the carport and outside grill would stay.

Wilson stated the entry would stay the same as well as the carport. The outside would basically look exactly the same but newer. Wilson stated it was important to keep somewhat of the historic appearance of the Swick House.

Adam Boukari stated the Board at this time could recommend any suggestions they may have on the Swick House.

Member Rogers inquired about whether or not there would be a stage or gazebo.

Cap Wilson stated the City already has a stage and the patio will be wired for speakers.

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Member Rogers inquired about how many meetings will be held able to be held there at one time.

Cap Wilson stated there will be able to be two to three separate meetings at the Swick House at one time. He stated Hal Brady has had to turn down several people for functions for 20 to 30 people as there is no space in Alachua for smaller functions like this. Wilson states the Swick House will generate enough money from renting out our meeting rooms as well as weddings or other events outside on patio as well as carport area to maintain the upkeep on the facility.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. NW 142nd Terrace and NW 150th Avenue Project

Adam Boukari stated that Skinner Park is under construction for renovations and would be done by December of this year. Boukari stated the City was putting an underground storm water drainage system in to diminish the cities flooding issues. Boukari stated along with this there will be a curb and gutter, new baseball field, parking, lighting, sidewalks, new fence, removal of wood polls with concrete polls, and landscaping. The City took down the tennis nets and put up some removable fencing for security purposes to keep people out of the construction area. The police were regularly asking people to leave this area so we have taken some precautions.

Chair Wigglesworth inquired if the City decided to do a roundabout or a four-way stop.

Adam Boukari stated the City decided to stay with the four-way stop.

Vice-Chair inquired if there would be a direct path from the Swick House to the Town Center and Main Street.

Adam Boukari stated there would be sidewalks to both areas.

Member Laurie Friedlander Hall inquired if site furnishings are still going to be a part of the plans.

Adam Boukari stated the City removed the site furnishings from the construction plans. The City decided to go with high gloss black furnishings such as the bike racks, trash cans, and benches. City will acquire these separately.

Vice-Chair Schentrup stated he loves the baseball field centered in the middle of the town; it keeps the "Small Town" feel which is important.

III. OPEN DISCUSSION

Hal Brady stated the Babe Ruth World Series would be held here in Alachua July and August. Brady also stated Alachua water park is now open and Senior Day is April 30th from 7am-5pm in Tallahassee.

Member Rogers stated the Music and Arts Program is having to turn down kids due to lack of space and needing more help.

Adam Boukari stated we are working on securing donors for Project Legacy and by 2015 the fields need to be built per our contract.

Member Hall asked about Legacy fundraising.

Adam Boukari stated at the next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting he would have a presentation on Criswell Park and Cleather Hathcock Community Center expansions.

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IV. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Schentrup moved to adjourn; seconded by Member Rogers.

Passed by unanimous consent.

Adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

ERNEST WIGGLESWORTH, CHAIR
(SEAL)

HAL BRADY, PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR