



**CITY OF POMPANO BEACH FLORIDA**  
**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**  
**1801 NE 6 Street, Pompano Beach, FL 33060**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
**March 16, 2022 - 6 p.m.**  
**Emma Lou Olson Civic Center – 1801 NE 6 Street, Pompano Beach, FL 33060**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Board, Richard Leys, at 6:06 PM.

**Board Members Present:**

Richard Leys  
Rafael Katz  
Kenneth Arnold  
Walter Clark  
Albert Hill (via Zoom)  
Philip Schulte (Alternate)  
Susan Gingerich (Alternate)

**Board Members Absent:**

Richard Dally

**Others Present:**

Gwen Leys  
David Vandermost, Pompano Beach resident

**Approval of the Minutes**

Richard Leys made the decision not to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2022 meeting because it was unofficial due to no quorum.

**New Business**

**Pompano Beach US Coast Guard Auxiliary**

- Gwen received a message from the US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 34 of Pompano Beach. The message is as follows:
  - National Safe Boating Week starts on May 21, 2022.
  - Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, the group is asking for permission to set up a resource table and small tent on the grassy area at Alsdorf Park.
  - The group plans to hold a radio drill there during this event.
  - Mark says there is a contractor mobilizing on grassy area.
  - Mark gives his approval for the US Coast Guard Auxiliary's request.

**Attendance**

- Richard Leys announces the issue with attendance. The announcement is as follows:
  - During last month's meeting, which took place on February 16, the McNab House presentation was given as scheduled. Richard Leys was the only person in attendance.
  - Four people, including Rafael Katz, Susan Gingerich, and Philip Schulte, responded



to Ashley's email saying they would be in attendance, however, none of them showed up.

- Philip Schulte called to say he would be running an hour late, but Richard determined that that timing would result in Philip missing the presentation. Nonetheless, Philip Schulte was the only person who called in about his absence.
- Richard suggests switching the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meetings to hybrid as long as they follow city ordinances.
- Mark says the only board that functioned during the pandemic was the CRA, so hybrid meetings shouldn't go against any city ordinances or regulations.

*The board's discourse on attendance is as follows:*

- Rafael makes the motion to send a formal letter to any board member after 2 unexcused missed meetings. If there is no improvement, the absent board member would be reported to the commissioners.
- Philip Schulte seconds Rafael's motion.

*Permanent v. Alternate Board Members*

- Philip asks how he can become a permanent member on the board.
- Rafael makes the motion to recommend Philip Schulte to be a permanent member on the board.
- The motion passes unanimously.
- Rafael makes the motion to have Chapter 33.076(B) amended to include the language, "Board members shall be subject to removal for cause by the City Commission." Schulte seconded. The motion passes unanimously.
- Richard asked Mark to have this issue presented to the next commission meeting and to let the board know so they can attend.

## **Old Business**

### **McNab House Presentation Response**

- Richard Leys informs the board on the main points of the McNab House presentation. His update is as follows:
  - Richard asked Ashley to send the board the PowerPoint so that they can connect the minutes to the presentation.
  - Rafael says during the CRA advisory board meeting, he knows that they don't have funding for the botanical garden, fence, or a viable restaurant.
  - Rafael says he feels that Parks & Recreation lost a neighborhood park in the process of moving the house.
  - Rafael says while there is a vagrancy issue at McNair Park, there were better solutions than moving an old house. Rafael says it was not worth moving the house just to turn it into a restaurant. He recommends to only have the house fenced to keep it from vagrancy, and keep the other area active.



- Mark and Scott say basketball and tennis still take place there. The southern portion is not fenced off.
- Rafael says they were inaccurate about the cost of the plans and that Parks and Recreation should have McNab back to discuss these issues.
- Marks says he will invite them again, giving them the option to attend in April or May.
- Richard promises the entire board will be in attendance.
- David Vandermost, from the audience to be heard, is a developer and asked why the layout of McNab couldn't be done ahead of time.
- Rafael says funding may be an issue.

### **Park Reports/Comments**

- Mark Beaudreau, Scott Moore, and Kaitlyn Kerr gave their Manager Reports. Their reports are as follows:

#### *Scott Moore*

- Scott reports since February 19, 2022, there have been 5 concerts at the Amphitheatre.
  - Amphitheatre capacity: 3,500
  - Sold Out: 3,000 seats and 500 standing
- Two out of five shows have been sold out.
- There has been an average of 2,000 people average per show otherwise.
- Dr. Arnold asked if the zippers and flaps at the Amphitheatre come down if a hurricane comes.
  - Mark reassures Dr. Arnold that questions on the Amphitheatre's durability in the event of a storm is best answered by Horacio.
  - Mark says the fire department is at every event and has a policy regarding high wind gusts. He is sure the Amphitheatre's structure meets all code requirements but the canopies are not taken down.
  - Rafael asks if the ripped flap is covered under warranty.
  - Marks says yes, tears and damages are covered under warranty. For example, recent wind gusts required repairs to be done on March 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> with heat sealants and treatments from the construction workers.
  - Richard asked about the Amphitheatre's gutter.
  - Susan remarks that the Amp's gutter is huge.
  - Mark says the gutter will be painted so it can blend in.
  - The Amphitheatre is doing well structurally.
  - The Wahoo Bay presentation is ready when the board is ready.
  - Scott reports soccer fields are moving along, lights are up, and parking lot on the west are almost done.
  - Soccer fields are supposed to be done by September/October. They are about 75% done as of right now.

- Dr. Arnold says due to vaccinations there have been studies on myocarditis and it can't be detected until the person is under stress. He asks if physicals are required by the parks.
- Scott says the league only requires physicals for tackle football.
- Dr. Arnold says we need to look into it.
- Mark says he doesn't see it trending but he will look into it.
- Rafael asks if there is a surgeon general for the city.
- Mark says the fire department handles all medical issues and they have an agreement with a Medical Director.
- Rafael says there a lot of kids who are vaccinated and play sports, so this should be looked into.
- Rafael asks if AEDs are at the parks and says coaches should take city-sponsored CPR classes.
- Mark says he will look into it.
- Susan says the fire dept offers free CERT programs.
- Richard says we should reach out to the fire department.
- Philip asks if the bridge in Garden Isles and the land under it at 6th Terrace is under Parks and Recreation because it could be made into something nice with a fence.
  - Mark says it belongs to the city and it's a no-name park.
  - Mark says typically, property owners adjacent to areas like this have complained about loud music, fishing, and beer bottles.
  - Mark says the ability to fish in public areas is diminishing, so they are evaluating "No Fishing" signs.
- Dr. Arnold says he thought Sample McDougle House would be closer to the bathrooms but it seems that its closer to the north and totally different from the original drawings.
  - Mark says it is not unusual for revisions to be made from conceptual plans.
  - Kaitlyn says the plans are constantly updated on the city's website under GO Bond.

*Kaitlyn Kerr*

- Kaitlyn reports community centers have been busy with programs, classes, and rentals.
- She has made announcements for new instructors for classes and has had an overwhelming response
- Summer camp planning has commenced,
- Kaitlyn reports plans to start a teen advisory board because teens are one of the hardest age groups to target.
- The Parks & Recreation survey responses say they want more involvement from teenagers.
- Rafael says the plan for a teen advisory board is genius, but there is no interest from teens. He asked if there is a 15-17-year-old basketball league.



- There is already a league for them. Scott says there is rarely any interest.
- Kaitlyn says the teen advisory board is not directly attached to sports and will run similar to the Parks and Recreation Advisory board.
- Richard says students who participate in the teen advisory board will receive service hours.

*Mark Beaudreau*

- Dr. Arnold asked for a survey update.
- Mark says the online survey is still going on and they are working on getting more participation.
- There have been 505 responses from the first phase of the survey. Preliminary findings are saying teens are a tough group to program. He says the public is interested in wellness and health and education.
- Susan says she went on a tour with Mark and it was amazing what they have for the kids and everyone should make an appointment with Mark to see the developments.
- Mark says to let him know if they want to go on another trip.
- Dr. Arnold asked about the Burrie Center.
- Mark says Nick Lazazzara has been renting the Burrie Center out and having classes and programs quite busily.
- Albert Hill says he is getting reports about Mitchell/Moore and wants to create more parking. He asked if the park will be opened on Sundays because people jump the fence to use the turf for sports.
- Mark says the fields are for permits only. Unauthorized play is prohibited.
- Walter asked why the T Dogg concert was on the field.
- Mark says the reason was because the Amphitheatre was not finished.
- Rafael says Nick would get a line out of the door for tot soccer because he ran it with energy, handed out donuts, and got people excited. Nick should be leaned on to get that energy back because that's the perfect age to get kids excited about sports and exercise.
- Rafael says the placement of the statue of kids sitting on a bench in front of an actual bench is one of the worst placed things ever. He says the city just spent millions on the beach to have it decorated with a 10ft bench of something that would be seen in a 1980s shopping mall. He is not saying no art, but something worthwhile would be more efficient.
- Rafael says the dog issue was addressed at the CRA meeting and it was voted down.
- Rafael says how can we prohibit bikes on the same sidewalk where bikes are available for rent. This sidewalk also has bike racks. He doesn't advocate for the removal of racks. The roads are too narrow for bikes and cars.



- Mark says Rafael doesn't realize the clout he carries with his relationship with the commissioner. Rafael should have a conversation with the person who appointed him.
- Rafael says the CRA made a recommendation to use 16<sup>th</sup> street for a designated dog area.
- Mark says that is a recipe for disaster because of other users of the area.
- Mark says they tried to allow dogs at Exchange Club. People refused to clean up after their dogs, so this decision was rescinded. Mowers refused to mow the grass because it spread waste everywhere.
- The only problem at Harbor's Edge is unleashed dogs.
- Rafael asked if Mark recommends any areas for dogs on the beach.
- Mark says Fort Lauderdale.
- Philip says one of the property owners on 16<sup>th</sup> put large boulders out from his property onto the shoreline.
- Mark says that is private property but the city cleans the entire beach front.
- Dr. Arnold recommends including the park ranger's phone numbers on facility answering machines in case of emergencies on a Sunday.

### **Adjournment**

Richard Leys made the motion to adjourn at 7:52 PM.

3-16-2022 – Ashley K. Dixon, Board Secretary – 954-786-4185

Any person who decides to appeal any decision of the **PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD** with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.