

VERO BEACH RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Tuesday, June 8, 2021 – 1:30 p.m.

City Hall, Council Chambers, Vero Beach, Florida

PRESENT: Chairman, Brooke Malone; Vice Chairman, James “Rock” Tonkel; Members: Judy Jones, Brooke Steinkamp, Samuel Lapeyre, Alternate Member #1, Steven Newman, and Alternate Member #2, Christopher Woodruff **Also Present:** Recreation Director, James O’Connell; Assistant Recreation Director, Patty Howard; Assistant City Attorney, Jenny Flanigan and Senior Administrative Assistant, Rita Hawkins

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Malone called today’s meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and the Senior Administrative Assistant performed the roll call.

2. MISSION STATEMENT

The Recreation Commission Mission Statement was not read at today’s meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) April 13, 2021

Mr. Newman stated that on page 2 in the first sentence, the word exceeds should be exceeded. On page four (4) in the third paragraph it said that Mr. Newman stated “there are tennis courts at The Moorings Yacht Club that they could make arrangements with”, but he does not believe he said that. He thinks it was just the opposite because he knows the Moorings would not allow that.

Mr. Tonkel made a motion to approve the amended minutes of the April 13, 2021 Recreation Commission meeting. Mr. Newman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

A) Youth Sports in Vero Beach

Mr. Newman stated that youth sports are important for children’s social and emotional development. From his standpoint it is important that they focus on it to see what is happening with youth sports in the City of Vero Beach and a broader area. He said for many years he was a Little League Manager and he also served as a Little League Commissioner.

Mrs. Malone said that everyone probably agrees that sports and outdoor activities are great for children. She asked if the Recreation Department is looking at anything in particular regarding the current recreation programs for sports and athletics, or are there other programs they could include.

Mr. Newman said he was hoping they could hear about what currently exists. He knows there is a Little League program, but he does not know if it is connected to the City.

Mr. Jim O'Connell, Recreation Director, explained that he can provide them with a quick rundown of what is available, but not everything they offer is run by the City. What they offer in-house are the gymnastics and acrobatics program. They have about 25 classes per week with 200 students per session, so that is about 1,000 children per year just in those programs. They also have the spring and summer camps, which are sports oriented. At Leisure Square they have 40 to 50 children per month in the aquatics program, the basketball clinic has 30 children, and ultimate Frisbee has about 25 to 40 youths and adults in that program. Today they are starting Prestige Worldwide Lacrosse with 30 children and they offer ballet for 20 students per month all year long. The County basketball program also practices at Leisure Square twice a year for about four (4) months with 50 to 80 children. At Riverside Park, through the Mardy Fish Foundation, the Treasure Coast Tennis Association holds a number of children's tennis programs. They also host the St. Edward's high school and middle school tennis teams. The City has lease agreements with two (2) baseball programs in City Parks, so he feels that they offer quite a few programs for a City of this size. He explained that the County has a number of programs too and what the City does not offer the County generally does. The Recreation Department is willing to work on other programs if they can do more.

Mr. Tonkel asked if all these programs have been in operation for a number of years, or have there been changes to offer other programs.

Mrs. Patty Howard, Assistant Recreation Director, replied that the gymnastics and performing arts programs have been in existence and consistent since 1958. She said every year they evaluate the programs and take away what is not working and introduce others. Most of the other programs are offered by renters who rent space to conduct their classes and they come and go. Swimming has always been a popular activity.

Mr. Tonkel asked if other activities have been presented to the Recreation Department that they think they should consider.

Mr. O'Connell replied that their main focus is to offer the facilities to renters with good ideas like soccer, lacrosse, ultimate Frisbee, etc. The Recreation Department does not have the staff to put on these types of programs with the exception of the gymnastics and performing arts programs. They are doing the best with what they have.

Mr. Newman asked if he knows what advertising they (renters) do in the community to promote their programs.

Mr. O'Connell replied that they reach out through social media, street signs, advertising, etc., very similar to what the City does.

Mrs. Steinkamp said that they send flyers out through the schools as well.

Mrs. Malone explained that many years ago when the Recreation Department's budget was cut, the County took on a lot of the programs and other non-profit organizations stepped in and picked

up the slack. She said according to the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA), other recreation departments are experiencing this same thing throughout the country.

Mr. O'Connell said he agrees that this is not a new or uncommon situation. In his experience, it is always some sort of nonprofit group that contracts with the City or County to put on a program. Some of these programs have over a thousand children, so between the sponsors and the volunteers that is how they make it work.

Mrs. Steinkamp said that her children are involved with a lot of nonprofit groups and some of them are at no cost, which is amazing. She said she finds it very expensive to involve the younger preschool children who are just getting introduced to a sport.

Mr. O'Connell replied that they do not have the staff to be able to hold in-house camps for three (3) to four (4) year olds to introduce them to sports and they would probably charge about the same as a volunteer organization. If there are groups out there interested in developing this they can call the Recreation Department and they would be happy to work with them.

Mr. Newman asked if the nonprofit groups get sponsors for their teams.

Mrs. Malone replied yes, they absolutely do.

Mr. Newman asked if it would be possible to get the renters of their programs to come to a Recreation Commission meeting so they could discuss what they do.

Mrs. Malone replied that they probably could, but it would take a lot of work. She said that some of them would probably be interested in talking with their Commission.

Mr. Tonkel stated that they need to be careful what they are putting on the Recreation Department staff at this point. They can discuss the issues, but together they need to come to some understanding about what is involved, how they can do it, and how much time the staff has to devote to it.

Mrs. Malone asked Mr. Newman what exactly is he looking for by talking with the nonprofits.

Mr. Newman replied that he is trying to make sure that all children have the opportunity to participate in sports, because it offers so many benefits including doing better in school.

Mrs. Malone said if they could be provided with a list of the Recreation Departments main providers then the Commission could reach out to them to find out how they are marketing their programs and how they are doing.

Mr. O'Connell explained that they have a variety of groups of different sizes and levels and they do their own marketing, whether it is through word of mouth or facebook.

Mrs. Malone asked if they can get a list of the vendors and how to contact them so they can give it to Mr. Newman so he can reach out to them.

Mrs. Malone stated that they cannot instruct the vendors or renters on how to run their businesses. She would hope that the agreements the Recreation Department has put together with each of them are working and that they have a good relationship. If the vendors are not meeting their goals or there are issues she assumes the Recreation Department would terminate that relationship.

Mr. O'Connell explained that the organizations are generally supervised by the Recreation Department at some point. In all of the agreements there are stipulations and conduct requirements.

Mrs. Malone informed Mr. Newman that he will be provided with a list of the programs with their contact information so he can introduce himself and speak to them. The Commission can revisit this topic based on what he finds out.

Ms. Michael Gibbons, City resident, said she would like to inquire about swimming lessons, because it is important that children learn to swim. She asked if they have a partnership with the Red Cross or other organizations to provide public swimming lessons.

Mr. O'Connell replied that they do have a vendor that offers swimming lessons at Leisure Square.

Ms. Gibbons asked if it is affordable.

Mrs. Howard explained that vendors set their own rates, but they are affordable.

Mrs. Marion Kennedy, City resident, stated that 40 years ago soccer was free for children and now there are all kinds of clubs that are expensive and many families cannot afford it. They have to pay for every sport unless it is offered at school, so it is not easy for children today. She said basketball and lacrosse are also expensive, so she is not sure how they can get underprivileged children involved.

Mr. Tonkel said now that she brought that up, it raises the question on what the City is prepared to do and are the taxpayers in agreement. He is not suggesting it is not a good idea, because there are a lot of initiatives being offered. They would need to come up with some specifics, budgets, and support from City Council. If they are not going to relay on organizations who rent the space to take care of getting all children involved then the burden will fall on the taxpayers. They also have to think about the impact on the City staff.

Mrs. Malone stated that this subject will added to their next meeting agenda.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A) Riverside Park Pickleball Courts Proposal– Mr. Dick Haverland, Pickleball University

Mrs. Malone asked Mr. Dick Haverland to come forward to speak on the Riverside Park Pickleball courts proposal. A member of the audience stated that Mr. Haverland was not in attendance.

Mrs. Malone asked if there was anyone else who would like to speak on this subject.

Mr. John Pierce, City resident, said that he is a Pickleball payer and a proponent of Pickleball. He stated that the Pickleball University proposal has not changed. He said when he came to Vero Beach three (3) years ago and was introduced to Pickleball, he was wondering why there were not more Pickleball locations available. It is the fastest growing sport, so he feels that there should be more opportunities available for the sport to grow. There are a couple of great places to offer it and Riverside Park is one (1) of them. He knows there are some concerns about the noise from the neighbors and people using the exercise trail, but they have addressed that issue. The numbers are obvious, with 720 full time Pickleball members and hundreds of day guests per year it does not compare to tennis. Pickleball University does not cost the City anything and they have discussed the option of building designated Pickleball courts in Riverside Park.

Mrs. Steinkamp asked if they know how many of their members are City residents.

Mr. Pierce replied that 180 of their members are City residents.

Mrs. Clair Miller, Pickleball University Board member, explained that their Pickleball courts are basically open around the clock. Their open play time starts at 8:00 a.m., but sometimes people start playing at 7:00 a.m. The courts have lights for the evening that stay on until 10:00 p.m., so they are used all day.

Mr. Neman stated that he would be happy to support more Pickleball courts if they were not trying to rob the tennis players from being able to play.

Mrs. Malone told Mr. Newman that was not appropriate. He should ask his questions while they have a speaker in front of them.

Mr. Newman asked why do they think it is appropriate to ask the walkers to change their walking paths, for tennis players not to be able to play, and for the tennis pros not to be able to train.

Mr. Pierce said he has to ask the same thing. Why would they not want the Pickleball coaches to teach and the Pickleball players not to be able to play.

Mrs. Miller stated that they are not wanting to take over all of the tennis courts, just four (4) of them.

Mr. Newman said he would like to correct an error in Mr. Haverland's report. His proposal stated that Pickleball came to Pocahontas Park six (6) years ago, but that is not correct.

Mrs. Malone replied that Pickleball was already at Pocahontas Park when she became a Recreation Commission member in 2017.

Mrs. Miller reported that Pickleball has been at Pocahontas Park since 2015.

Mrs. Ulrike Schroeter, said that she came to Vero Beach over five (5) years ago and was accepted into the tennis program. She currently has a group of players that she organizes. If they are looking at the current number of players from this past year, they are not correct because of the Coronavirus. Many of the players who normally come back to Vero Beach could not return, so the numbers do not show what really takes place. Even now they have courts that are being used

early in the morning at 7:00 a.m. when it is cooler. She said her husband used to be an Acoustical Engineer, so she asked him about the noise. She said he informed her that one (1) court would increase the sound by three (3) decibels, so they need to multiply it by the number of courts to get the total decibel level. They have to keep in mind that some noises are perceived differently among people. She explained that she lives about 800 meters from two (2) Pickleball courts and when they are being used a couple of times a week she can hear it in her home. If those courts were being used every day from 7:00 a.m. to potentially 10:00 p.m., she would be annoyed. The more courts there are the more noise there will be.

B) Pickleball at Riverside Park – Suzi McCoy and Members of Friends of Riverside Park

Mrs. Malone stated that Mr. Nathan Polackwich is here to make a presentation on behalf of Ms. Suzi McCoy and Friends of Riverside Park.

Mr. Nathan Polackwich, City Resident, said he is part of a group called Friends of Riverside Park, which was started by a group of people who live near the Park. He continued by giving a Power Point presentation (attached to the original minutes).

Mrs. Malone said that they know that the Mardy Fish Foundation has an expansive project floating around. She asked Mr. Polackwich if he could speak on behalf of the Friends of Riverside Park about what their opinions are going to be when that comes to the table.

Mr. Polackwich replied that he does not want to address that issue today.

Mrs. Malone said that if they make a motion on this today, that is a conversation they need to have. This is a short term inquiry for Pickleball courts, but there might be an expansive extension to the Park within a few years, which could include more Pickleball courts.

Mr. Polackwich stated that the Mardy Fish Foundation is sensitive to the neighborhood's wishes and they took them (Pickleball courts) out of their plans.

Mr. Polackwich said one (1) reason the tennis courts are not used is because it costs \$15 per person, per hour to play tennis, or \$10 for City residents. That is why he does not play there and that is why the courts are empty. If they check other municipalities they will not find any that charge those rates.

Mrs. Malone stated that there is free play time during the week.

Mr. Polackwich said that the free play time during the week is from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. when a lot of people are at work and children are in school. On Sundays when it is free the courts are full.

At this time Mrs. Malone opened up the meeting for public comments.

Mrs. Kennedy stated that all sports are expensive. She would like to know how many tennis players are City residents, since Mr. Newman stated that people come from all over to play tennis at Riverside Park. She would also like to know what the noise level is from tennis, because hard

courts are noisier than clay courts. She said Riverside Park attracts all kinds of people from children, to concerts, big events, family picnics and parties etc., along with cars, trucks and busses, so it is not a peaceful Park. She said there will not be 700 people coming to Riverside Park to play Pickleball at the same time.

Mr. Leonard Markir, City resident, stated that he is the closest resident to the tennis courts at Riverside Park. He was happy with the presentation that Mr. Polackwich made, but a couple of small items were not included. He said the size of the residential neighborhood adjacent to the Park is quite large. In this residential area there are no sidewalks or streetlights. They are already having problems with cars cutting through and speeding in their neighborhood. He thought they were talking about increasing sports in Vero Beach, but they are actually talking about increasing Pickleball, but decreasing tennis. With more courts they will have more activity, so they will have a parking issue.

Mr. Jeff Lamscha, St. Edward's School Athletic Director, said that the agreement they have with the City is a win-win situation. The City has their circus performance in August, so St. Edward's school frees up the gym for the City to use and in turn the City allows their tennis teams to use the Riverside Park tennis facilities and this works well. If they take away courts, the less matches they can have and the traveling team gets back to their school much later. To efficiently accommodate their teams they need all 10 courts.

Mr. Tonkel asked if they vote in favor of Pickleball does St. Edward's school intend to end their relationship with the City.

Mr. Lamscha replied they will have to look at that. They will need to go where they can accommodate what they need.

Mr. David Hendrick, Sebastian resident, said he has played tennis at Riverside Park for many years. He is all for Pickleball, but not at Riverside Park, because it will hurt the tennis community. The proposal takes away 40 percent of the tennis courts and that only leaves them with six (6) tennis courts. They use five (5) courts for round robins Monday through Friday, and the tennis instructor gives lessons. The back courts are always filled, so they will be displacing all those tennis players to accommodate Pickleball. He hopes they do the right thing.

Dr. Phil Mercer said that he came to Vero Beach in 1984 and he is an active tennis player that preaches aerobic exercise. He read a couple of paragraphs from an article he wrote for a newspaper about the benefits of exercise.

Mr. Markir said he believes the Recreation Commission has had the opportunity to hear both sides over and over again. He requested that they do not defer their vote any further, so everyone can move forward.

Mr. Frank Esposito stated that he plays tennis three (3) days per week and he has been doing it for years. What he heard today is that Pickleball is not liked by the neighbors, the tennis players, and people using the Park. He is not against Pickleball, but they need to find a spot away from everything else, so they do not have to worry about the noise they make. Please do not take anything away from Riverside Park.

Mr. Pierce said he understands that there are 56 members at Riverside Racquet and if 40 percent were not hear this past year that equates to 33 members that are City residents. They are not trying to take anything away, but they analyzed the use of the courts. If there are alternatives to look at that they are okay with that too.

Mrs. Steinkamp said at their April meeting they asked Pickleball University to try to look at other locations other than Riverside Park. She asked if they did that.

Mr. Pierce said he is just stepping in for Mr. Haverland and he cannot answer any questions like that.

Mrs. Steinkamp asked if there is anyone else here that can answer that question.

Mr. O'Connell reported that there are 66 annual tennis members at this time, but the membership numbers do not reflect the total usage. They have round robins, lessons, and monthly memberships as well. He did not include the number of people using the courts during the free play hours. He explained that the free time is from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, after 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, and all day on Sunday. There are also two (2) courts at Charles Park that are free of charge and they are open daily from dawn to dusk.

Mrs. Miller said she would like to clarify a few things. She said they now have 803 members and their memberships even increased during the Coronavirus. She said it would not be all of their members coming to Riverside Park, but more of an overflow. She explained that their drop in fee is \$10 per day for non-members and \$100 for a yearly membership. She said that in 2015 when they were resurfacing the courts at Pocahontas Park the Pickleball players were given permission to use tennis courts nine (9) and 10. They lined the courts and converted them into six (6) Pickleball courts to use during the summer. To her knowledge, there were not any complaints about the noise.

Mrs. Steinkamp asked if they have looked for other locations.

Mrs. Miller replied not recently. In the past they looked at the old Dodgertown property, but they were turned down. There were also some discussions about a piece of property across from Crestlawn Cemetery, but nothing became of that.

Mrs. Kristy Polackwich said she thought they deferred a vote at their last meeting so that Pickleball University could find another location. She said someone mentioned about expanding the Pickleball area at Pocahontas Park, but she is not sure if that is an option. Another area is the old School Board property, which is a gorgeous piece of property that already has electricity and lights. There are other places they could have looked at. They opened up this meeting talking about youth sports and the St. Edward's school Athletic Director pointed out why they need to use all of the tennis courts, so they should be allowed to continue with that agreement.

Mrs. Gibbons said that the tennis memberships at Riverside Park are not being conveyed properly. She explained that there is a City rate, a County rate, and an out of County rate. The memberships all entitle the players to the same benefits and they do not have to pay to use the tennis courts. Members can reserve a court 24 hours in advance without a fee. However, they do have to pay for services like round robins or tennis clinics. The majority of the people using the courts today

are not members and they are paying the fee to play round robins or a game on the back courts. If they are just looking at the 66 paying members, they are not the only people using the courts. Especially this year, they had a lot of people here from out of town that could work from their hotel or condo and they were paying the daily fee to use the courts. She said when the Pickleball players were using the back courts during the resurfacing of the Pocahontas courts, the tennis players complained every day to Mrs. Gabby Dwyer, Riverside Racquet Supervisor, about the noise from the back courts. She plays both sports, but they do not belong together in the same location.

Mr. Hendrick said that he drives 20 miles to Vero Beach and back three (3) times a week to play tennis, so driving over the bridge should not be an issue. He stated that Pickleball University has 12 courts and the tennis players have 10, so he cannot understand why they want to take four (4) of them away and only leave them with six (6) tennis courts.

Mrs. Miller explained that many venues around the country entertain both tennis and Pickleball. She read a list of a few from surrounding communities.

Mrs. Malone asked how should they proceed with this discussion.

Ms. Jenny Flanigan, Assistant City Attorney, replied that at this time they could open the floor for a motion. She explained that the City Attorney's office will draft a Resolution that will recommend that they either accept or reject this proposal based on the Commissions direction and advice.

Mr. Tonkel said at their last meeting he asked if there might be alternate locations for Pickleball courts, so he would like to know if Mr. O'Connell has given it any thought. He asked if it is possible to continue to support Pickleball University and also present something that would be acceptable to the tennis players.

Mr. O'Connell replied that there are a number of City owned properties that they could look into as possible locations for Pickleball. Either inside Riverside Park or beyond, but he does not have any specific places in mind at this point. If it comes to it, he would reach out to the leadership of Pickleball University to look at other locations. What Pickleball University is currently looking for are tennis courts that can be converted into Pickleball courts, which is less expensive than building them from scratch. Depending on today's discussion and vote they might look at other locations.

Mr. Newman said the County is building 12 Pickleball courts in their south location and he understands that Pickleball University rejected it because the County will not allow them to run it.

Mr. O'Connell confirmed that the County is building Pickleball courts in their South County Park and he understands the County wants to run them.

Mrs. Malone said she also understands that the County wants to get all the perks and benefits from building those courts. Sebastian is not doing a great job at running their Pickleball courts, so that is why they are empty. The courts were poorly designed and planned. She said that Riverside Park is going to be a target for recreational development forever, so the City has to do a good job at long-term planning. She feels like they cannot avoid seeing the increase over and over in the number of Pickleball players, and to her that equates to dollars. Right now the City does not have

conclusive financials on the tennis facility. They are just starting to do a full analysis of what everything looks like in the Recreation Department. She has driven by both facilities and she has seen the unbalance in the number of participants, so it is hard for her to say that they should not be considering a place in the Park for Pickleball to expand.

Mr. Lapeyre said a concern he has is that if they give the property to Pickleball University the City will not see any of that money. He does not want to see more City land given to a private organization. If Pickleball is not the hot sport 10 years from now the City will not have any control over those courts because they will have a 20-year lease with Pickleball University.

Mr. Tonkel stated that he reviewed the City Code Chapter 7, Recreation and Open Space Element Goal, Objectives and Policies and he read the Recreation Commission's meeting minutes from December 2020 that made reference to the Three Corners project and that Pickleball and tennis courts would be acceptable at that site.

Mr. Tonkel made a motion that the Recreation Commission supports the Pickleball University proposal and that both entities should come together and convert a portion of the current tennis courts to Pickleball Courts in Riverside Park. Mrs. Malone seconded the motion.

Mr. Newman said he would encourage the rest of the members to vote against the conversion for the following reasons; tennis is good for your health, Pickleball University will not provide money to the City, less courts make it difficult for the pros to teach tennis, and they lose the deal with St. Edward's school.

Mrs. Malone said she encourages them to vote for it as a short term plan. She trusts that Pickleball University will negotiate with the City of Vero Beach for a short term plan with a lease that is neutrally beneficial to both parties while they continue to explore and find a location where they can build their own facility and can continue to grow. They all need to work together for a while and share the courts while they develop a long-term plan for what happens at Riverside Park.

Mr. Lapeyre asked if the Commission is proposing a 20-year agreement, or are they just advising City Council to look at negotiating something with Pickleball University.

Ms. Flanigan explained that as an Advisory Commission, it would be more general advice for City Council to move forward or reject the proposal. She cautioned everyone that this is not the final determination on this proposal and it will go before City Council.

Mr. Lapeyre asked to clarify that this proposal is just for utilizing the courts at Riverside Park and not for the City to explore other locations.

Ms. Flannigan replied that is correct. It is a more limited proposal.

Mr. Lapeyre asked if they decide not to move forward with this request, Pickleball University could come back with a proposal for another piece of land or other options.

Ms. Flanigan replied yes they can.

Mrs. Steinkamp stated that they have discussed how much public and Park space the City has and that they will be developing the Three Corners property. For three (3) months they have had people filling the Council Chambers clinging onto their piece of Park space. She suggests that everyone take a deep breath, step back, and everything will be okay, but they also need to take a hard look at what they are doing with all of the City Park space. She said she is a huge fan of private organizations providing a service to the community, but how much of their public land or Park space will they keep giving away to private organizations. If they give up Park space to Pickleball, what does that say to the next organization that wants to use City land. They are privatizing public land and the public cannot feely use it, but they did not discuss that today.

Mrs. Malone explained that it will be up to City Council to negotiate a contract and what it will include and look like.

Mrs. Steinkamp said that Riverside Park does not need Pickleball as much as Pickleball University needs Riverside Park.

Mrs. Malone asked that they take a roll call vote on the motion.

On a roll call vote the motion passed 3-2 with Mr. Lapeyre voting no, Mrs. Steinkamp no, Ms. Jones yes, Mr. Tonkel yes, and Mrs. Malone yes.

7. RECREATION DIRECTOR'S MATTERS

Mr. O'Connell reported that the capital project of resurfacing the tennis courts is complete. There were six (6) courts at Riverside Park and the two (2) at Charles Park. The bathroom remodeling at Humiston Park is almost complete and the demolition has started on the bathroom project at the Community Center. He stated that the summer camps started yesterday and they are full with a waiting list. They will also be having a 4th of July event on Sunday July 4th with fireworks. They will have food trucks, children's events, etc. starting at 5 p.m., and ending after the fireworks around 9:30 p.m. He announced that this Saturday is the NRPA's Family Health and Fitness Day. It is dedicated to families getting out and playing together. The Recreation Department does not have anything specifically set aside for that day, but they are encouraging all the families in the community to come out and enjoy the facilities, the Parks, and the beaches.

8. CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

Mrs. Malone explained that they have a Resolution to draft on the motion the Recreation Commission made pertaining to the beach vendor contact.

Ms. Flanigan reported that on April 20, 2021, Chairman Malone presented to City the Commission's opinion on whether to allow vendor concessions at City Parks and beaches. City Council asked for a Resolution, which the City Attorney's office drafted. The Resolution states that the Commission rejected the proposal to expand the operations of the company who had a contract with the City. The Commission will be provided a copy of the Resolution in their agenda packet for their July 13, 2021 meeting. They will review it and make any changes to the language at that meeting.

9. MEMBER'S MATTERS

Ms. Jones said she would like to recognize Mr. O’Connell and Mrs. Howard and their staff for the wonderful work they do on keeping the Parks in great shape. She had company in town and they enjoyed all of the Parks.

Mr. O’Connell said that they would like to take all the credit, but the Parks Department really does a wonderful job of keeping them clean and in beautiful shape.

Mr. Newman said he read in the Vero Beach Lifeguard reports that they are having issues with dogs on the beaches. He would suggest that they notify the police and maybe they will issue a few citations. Once that message is passed around it will stop.

Mrs. Howard replied that the lifeguards can call the police and they will come out and inform people of the City Ordinances and issue citations if necessary.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

A) July 13, 2021

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Today’s meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

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