



**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Minutes
February 17, 2016**

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

City Manager Traci L. Gresham

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
At 3:30 PM**

Meeting Date: February 17, 2016

Meeting Location: James A. Lewis Commission Chambers

PRESENT: Adam Boukari, Damon Messina, Stan Richardson

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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order by Chair Ernest Wigglesworth, with Laurie Friedlander-Hall absent.

INVOCATION

Led by Member Billy Rogers.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Led by Chair Wigglesworth.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Member James Curington moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Member Rogers.

Passed by unanimous consent.

I. OLD BUSINESS

A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Chair Wigglesworth introduced the item.

Assistant City Manager Adam Boukari called for nominations.

Member Currington nominated Chair Wigglesworth for Chair; Chair Wigglesworth accepted the nomination.

Chair Wigglesworth was elected Chair 4-0 in a roll call vote.

Member Currington nominated Vice Chair Mike Schentrup for Vice Chair; Vice Chair Schentrup accepted the nomination.

Vice Chair Schentrup was elected Vice Chair 4-0 in a roll call vote.

B. Legacy Park Master Plan Update

Assistant City Manager Boukari introduced the item and provided the staff report.

Chair Wigglesworth asked about considerations for the parking and other needs of the City's 4th of July celebration.

Vice Chair Schentrup asked about the timing of the various phases of the plan and asked what would be first as well as about the input received coming to the decision.

Assistant City Manager Boukari and Parks and Recreation Director Damon Messina discussed with the Board members the input provided to the consulting company that formed the plan, parking considerations, the July 4th celebration, and the plans for the multi-purpose center that was identified as the preferred first phase of construction.

II. NEW BUSINESS

C. Alachua County Surtax Project List

Assistant City Manager Boukari introduced the item and provided the staff report.

Assistant City Manager Boukari pointed out that the County is asking for the project list, but has not asked for prioritization or valuation of the projects on the list.

Vice Chair Schentrup asked if Staff agreed that the input from the various boards and citizen input indicated the Project Legacy multi-purpose building should be the main priority of the residents and City Commission.

Parks and Recreation Director Messina and Assistant City Manager Boukari agreed that the multi-purpose building is the top priority of the community at this time.

The Board decided to hear the Legacy Park Phase I Design Update (next item) before making a motion.

Following the Legacy Park Phase I Design Update--

Vice Chair Mike Schentrup moved to accept the list and recommend approval by the City Commission; seconded by Member Rogers.

Chair Wigglesworth opened the floor for comments.

An unidentified person in the audience asked for clarification of the motion and the projects on the list.

Vice Chair Schentrup provided the explanation.

Passed by unanimous consent.

D. Legacy Park Phase I Design Update

Assistant City Manager Boukari provided the staff report.

Member Rogers asked about start dates for Phase I.

Assistant City Manager Boukari said the plan was to break ground in May with a projected 11-months to completion.

Vice Chair Schentrup asked about traffic, paving, and parking for Phase I.

Assistant City Manager Boukari provided a short presentation about site planning and time tables. He said the priority for the multi-purpose building is to serve City residents, but there is also strong potential for developing tournaments and other events for the good of the greater community.

Board members discussed the traffic, timing, parking, lighting, funding, design, and planning for Phase I and the Master Plan of Project Legacy with Assistant City Manager Boukari and Parks and Recreation Director Damon Messina.

III. BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Vice Chair Schentrup asked if the City had any plans to work with the City of Gainesville recreation department with the summer basketball program Heat Wave.

Parks and Recreation Director Messina said the City is in discussions with the City of Gainesville, and the plans are to participate in the basketball program Heat Wave.

IV. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Stan Richardson thanked all of the Board members for their time and participation with the Board. He thanked Parks and Recreation Director Messina for the direction he has been taking the City's recreation program. He said he was very excited about the imminent start of the building of Project Legacy. He said there is no building like this outside of Gainesville and no multi-purpose building such as is being planned for Legacy Park. He discussed with the Board members and Assistant City Manager Boukari about the quality of the lighting that is planned for performances in the new multi-purpose building.

ADJOURN

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

Passed by unanimous consent.

ATTEST:

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
OF THE CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA

Presiding Officer

Staff Liaison