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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

May 08, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Andy Jones called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Members present were Chairman Andy Jones, Members Jan Lieson, Sandy Carbon, Jack Masson, Brett Tam and Linda Smura.

Also present - Parks and Recreation Director Rich Boprey and Special Projects Coordinator Sandi Wood.

New member Linda Palardy was introduced and welcomed by the Board.

City Liaison Barbara Smith and alternate City Liaison Daniel Batcheldor were at the meeting.

Chairman Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approve the minutes of March 13, 2019.

Motion made by Member Sandy Carbon to approve the minutes of March 13, 2019, seconded by Member Jan Lieson - motion carried 7-0.

B. Clements Wood Park – A new roof has been installed on the bathrooms (\$5,750). Further renovations / improvements still need to be finalized and scheduled.

The park is being used currently Mon – Thurs, and Sat. There are two different youth softball teams practicing at the field and I-9 Sports soccer program on Saturdays.

We have had recent vandalism at Clements Wood and Westbrooke. At Clements Wood the bathroom partitions were torn down. At Westbrooke a sink was torn off the wall and a toilet was damaged. We are being very vigilant about locking / unlocking the bathrooms and we have asked for cameras to be installed.

D) West Melbourne welcome sign

The welcome sign under the I-95 overpass at junction 180 was severely damaged by a car. We are currently working with the insurance company and have asked the company that installed the sign to assess and quote on the damage. The driver of the car was arrested for the property damage.

I-95 tree maintenance – The Parks Crew have trimmed and shaped the hardwoods / buttonwoods on the flat land of all four quadrants of the junction 180 exit. Rich Boprey has contracted Midwestern Construction (DOT approved) to trim the palm trees along the slope of the four quadrants. For clarity it is not the responsibility of the City of West Melbourne to mow that property – DBI are the contractors that mow up and down I-95.

Public Comments

Council Liaison Barbara Smith asked if there has been any vandalism at the Community Park bathrooms. The bathrooms are well maintained and have been free of vandalism. Liaison Smith wanted to know what type of bathrooms will be install at Clements Wood. Rich Boprey explained that the intention is for stainless steel and to be ADA compliant. Liaison Smith also informed the group about the intention of the Council to negotiate / propose to purchase land off Flanagan Road (just west of the Skatepark). She expressed her desire to build a Community Building. She feels that the City needs an indoor facility large enough to host more than 150 people for events / activities.

Board member Brett Tam spoke about his desire to be involved and help with finding coaches / instructors for classes / courses at the FOD. Member Tam has known contacts and will be speaking to people for recruiting purposes.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting date will be held on July 10th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Sandy Carbon made a motion to adjourn at 7:05 p.m., seconded by Linda Smura – motion carried 7-0.