



Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2023

Present:

Jarrold Dunbar, Scott Styers, Bill Tagliaferri, Steve Bare, Colon Starett, Justin Finch, Kathleen Sarette and Hunter Thrift

Staff Present: Cory Tobin, Molly Hussey, and Dominique Pickett

Next meeting:

September 5, 2022 at the Recreation Main Office

Announcements

Jarrold Dunbar called the meeting to order. Jarrold asked to make a change to the agenda before approval. He added Attendance For Meetings as item A before Recreation Master Plans. Jarrold asked for a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting. The motion was approved by Bill Tagliaferri and seconded by Steve Bare. The motion was carried unanimously. Jarrold asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting and motion was approved by Scott Styers and seconded by Justin Finch. The motion was carried unanimously. There was no one who signed up for the Public Forum.

Agenda Items

- a. **MEETING ATTENDANCE** – As members of the committee, it is imperative for everyone to understand what the expectations are of all members. It is critical for the success of all Thomasville City Boards that all members attend the meetings and functions regularly and any member that misses more than 3 consecutive regular meetings or more than half the regular meetings in a calendar year, shall lose his or her status as a member and shall be replaced or reappointed by the City Council.
- b. **RECREATION MASTER PLANS** – Our recreation master plan was approved by City Council last fall to begin the process once the Aquatics Center was underway. We have started that process and it will help us identify what is next for the department to focus on. We did have an RFQ interview process in May and we selected 1 of the 4 companies; Withers Ravenel. This is going to give us a working and living document that will determine what the community wants for the next 10 years. It will last until about December and January but the intent is to have a 45-50 page document that they will review to see the existing conditions of what we have facility wise and the age of them and what we are seeing with our participation numbers increasing. The timeline will begin with the survey which will be a QR code and link on our city webpage as well as Facebook page and it takes about 10-15 minutes to complete. This survey will be open for about 4-5 weeks and we are encouraging board members to help push the survey out in the community any way you can.

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- c. **SUMMER UPDATES** – We have done a great job with our numbers and participation for facilities and programs. The recreation goal is set by the City Council in our budgeting is \$156,000 across 4 different areas; concessions, program fees, rental spaces, and pool admission intake. As a department, we hit \$203, 441 which is a 76% increase in revenue. Our athletic numbers have increased with at least 50+ more kids per season, our programs have increased in participation with our after school and summer camp programs getting full, rentals are being booked more every weekend and Ball Park is booked every Saturday and Sunday for the rest of the year and the pool party rooms have been booked nearly every weekend with all 3 rooms being booked for each time slot. We have had 16,790 swimmers in our pool for the season so far. Our maintenance crew has been busy, adding a skate box at Doak Park as well as upgrading the playground there with all new equipment that was under warranty. They have added fences as a Back Stop to Centrals field for our T-Ball games to be held in the field. We have had roof replacement at Central Recreations Concessions stand in front of the building. They took away the roof to fix the restrooms because that facility has become more used that ever before. We hope in the future we can redo the basement for more storage for athletics. This will help Central become more of a campus since we will be moving our main office to 305 East Main Street at the top of Taylor Street; so we will be closer to the center and the kids.

After no further business, Colon asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The next meeting will be held on September 5, 2023 at The Thomasville Aquatics and Community Center at 12:00PM.