



CITY OF COCONUT CREEK CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Government Center
4800 W. Copans Road
Coconut Creek, Florida

Date: March 14, 2019
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Workshop Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rydell called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL:

Mayor Joshua Rydell
Vice Mayor Sandra L. Welch
Commissioner Rebecca A. Tooley
Commissioner Lou Sarbone
Commissioner Mikkie Belvedere
City Manager Mary C. Blasi
City Attorney Terrill C. Pyburn
Deputy City Clerk Marianne Bowers

3. DISCUSSION – PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN PROJECT

Parks and Recreation Director Wayne Tobey provided a brief summary of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee meeting that was held on March 13 and explained that the City's consultant, Barth Associates, prepared an interim report detailing the findings of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Needs Assessment. He introduced Consultant David Barth, Barth Associates, who began a *PowerPoint* presentation highlighting the findings of the Needs Assessment. Mr. Barth reviewed the project objectives and timeline, noting that the existing conditions and needs assessment phases were complete and the long range visioning phase would begin next.

He discussed several key principals to consider for Parks and Recreation System planning, including providing:

- an interconnected public realm among the City's public parks, private parks, preserves, canals, lakes, streets, sidewalks, greenways, and trails to provide access and synergy among the various infrastructure;
- interconnectivity of the roadway network for motorists and pedestrians;
- social equity; and
- the "Power of 10+" where every public space should have at least ten things to do.

Mr. Barth explained the mixed-method approach that was used to gather the data for the Needs Assessment and commented that the top facility and program priorities identified through the Needs Assessment were enhancements that could be made to the City's existing parks.

He highlighted several findings from the mail survey:

- 45 percent of residents visited Sabal Pines Park within the last year;

- Wi-Fi and charging stations were the top two technology enhancements requested at parks and recreation facilities;
- walking paths/sidewalks/greenways and live entertainment were the top needs identified for the MainStreet area;
- residents were supportive of developing an arts/theater facility and amphitheater;
- 27 percent of mail survey respondents reported that they do not use park facilities because they do not know where they are located;
- community safety, traffic congestion, and preservation of natural areas were identified as challenges most important to survey respondents; and
- 56 percent of residents walk/bike to parks.

Mr. Barth discussed the top priorities for investment in recreation amenities and programs, explaining that they represented needs identified through the mail survey that were currently unmet. He noted that the top priorities are compared to the other data collection methods, including the online survey, public workshops, and interviews. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Barth spoke about site evaluations that were completed to benchmark recreational services and facilities. He explained the level-of-service (LOS) analysis findings for the City's park acreage in comparison to the City's population and commented that the City may have a capacity issue as population increases. Discussion ensued with regard to including Broward County parks and natural areas located within city limits in the City's acreage LOS analysis. Mr. Barth reviewed LOS findings for indoor recreation facilities and park access. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Barth discussed the findings from the needs assessment activities completed at the public workshops and commented that the results were consistent with the mail survey. He noted two priorities that were identified from the public workshops that differed from the mail survey were a new cultural and performing arts center and pickleball courts. Discussion ensued regarding artificial turf fields. Mr. Barth spoke about the long range visioning phase and noted that it would determine the City's response to the needs assessment. He discussed potential funding sources available to implement improvements to the parks and recreation system and noted the importance of identifying comparable civic spaces. Discussion ensued regarding the next stages in the plan development.

City Manager Blasi requested that the Master Plan include a recommendation for criteria for public space in the MainStreet area. Discussion ensued regarding the feasibility of locating a multipurpose minor league stadium in the MainStreet area and the size of comparable facilities in other cities. Discussion ensued regarding civic gathering spaces in the MainStreet area and comparable facilities in Greenville, South Carolina; San Francisco, California; Jacksonville, Florida; and Levy Park in Houston, Texas. Mayor Rydell commented that Broward County had funding available for parks and recreation improvements in their facilities, and suggested that staff provide suggestions for enhancements to county facilities located within Coconut Creek.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Transcribed by Marianne Bowers

Leslie Wallace May, MMC
City Clerk

Dated