

FREEPORT RECREATION BOARD

January 11, 2017 Organizational Meeting Minutes

I. Meeting Called to Order

The January 11, 2017 Recreation Board Organizational Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by City Planning Director Latilda Hughes-Neel, who acted as Moderator until the election of the Chair/Vice-Chair. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers of Freeport City Hall.

Appointed Board members present: Gary Adams, Racyne Digges, Michael Strickland, and Monnie Mixon.

City Staff present: Board Attorney Clay Adkinson, City Planning Director/Board Liaison Latilda Hughes-Neel and Parks & Recreation Director Dana Weiler.

II. Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was given by Michael Strickland, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

III. Election of Chair/Vice Chair

Planning Director Hughes-Neel introduced herself and gave a summary of her government experience. Each of the Board members in turn spoke about their experience and interest in the Recreation Board. Director Hughes-Neel gave an overview of the duties of the Chair/Vice-Chair and their function within the meetings and the process of calling meetings of the Recreation Board.

Director Hughes-Neel asked for volunteers for the Chair position. Michael Strickland volunteered to serve as Chair. Racyne Digges motioned to elect Michael Strickland as Chair of the Recreation Board. Monnie Mixon seconded the motion. All ayes; motion carried.

Chair Strickland was passed the gavel and moderated the remainder of the meeting.

Chairman Strickland asked for volunteers to serve as Vice-Chair. Racyne Digges volunteered to serve as Vice-Chair. Monnie Mixon motioned to elect Racyne Digges as Vice-Chair of the Recreation Board. Gary Adams seconded the motion. All ayes; motion carried.

IV. Freeport Regional Sports Complex Update/Parks Director

Parks & Recreation Director Weiler gave an overview of the Parks and Recreation Dept. as follows:

1. Parks & Recreation Dept. Staff & Budget
2. FRSC/Park Maintenance
3. FRSC/Current Users and Programs/Future Users & Programs
4. FRSC/Current Grant Initiatives/Future Grant Initiatives

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V. Board Schedule/Planning Director

Director Hughes-Neel explained the meeting schedule specific to the Recreation Board. The next scheduled meeting of the Board is July 12, 2017 at 6:00 pm.in City Hall. Hughes-Neel advised the Board that should grant initiatives come up that required review by the Recreation Board which need review prior to July, that additional meetings will be scheduled as needed. As Planning Director/Board Liaison, Hughes-Neel will coordinate with the Chair/Vice-Chair on additional meeting dates as needed.

VI. Board Materials/Planning Director

Director Hughes-Neel reviewed Resolution 2016-12, Ordinance 2016-04 and Section 2.03.00 of the Freeport Land Development Code with the Recreation Board.

VII. Sunshine Law Training/Board Attorney

Board Attorney Adkinson reviewed the basics of Florida Sunshine Law and discussed ways that Board members could avoid Sunshine Law violations.

VIII. Public Comment/Discussion

Chair Strickland asked if there was any public comment or discussion. The was no public comments or discussion.

IX. Adjournment

Chair Strickland called for a motion to adjourn. Monnie Mixon motioned to adjourn. Gary Adams seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.