

**WELLINGTON
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2022 - 7:00 PM
WELLINGTON VILLAGE HALL**

MINUTES

Members Present: Sam Falzone, Stephanie Cagnet Myron, Marc Coleman, Stephen Levin

Members Absent: Tomas Bueno, Anthony Forgione, Peter Bartuska

Village Staff: Daryl Boyd, Branden Miller, Tanya Quickel

I. Call to Order/Opening Comments

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. The meeting was held at Wellington City Hall Council Chambers and all members were present excluding Tomas Bueno, Peter Bartuska, and Anthony Forgione.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Sam Falzone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by a 4-0 vote with Tomas Bueno, Peter Bartuska, and Anthony Forgione absent.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. September 7, 2021

The minutes were approved 4-0.

B. April 11, 2022

The minutes were approved 4-0.

V. New Business

A. Election of Chair/Vice Chair

Sam Falzone took nominations for Chair.

Stephen Levin nominated Dr. Falzone to retain position as Chair.

Sam Falzone nominated Stephen Levin for Vice Chair.

B. Update on the Penny Sales Tax

Tanya Quickel presents the surtax update. She explained the breakdown of the current expenditures and what projects have been included in those expenses. Tanya Quickel also provided an update on the Town Center Phase II project, project highlights, and budget.

Stephanie Cagnet Myron asked for a status update regarding the South Shore Community Park renovations.

Tanya Quickel responded that a market study is currently being conducted to show the purpose and support for the project.

Stephen Levin asked if the improvements to the Greenbriar Park were prior to the 2021 fiscal year expenses.

Tanya Quickel explained that we had received a grant for those improvements.

Marc Coleman asked for an update on the Skate Park renovations.

Daryl Boyd responded that the renovations have been completed.

Marc Coleman asked how Wellington measures the impact of projects.

Daryl Boyd responded that when a new facility or renovation project has begun, Wellington has determined that the public interest is high. He went on to explain that almost all programmed space is highly utilized as is non-programmed space such as sand volleyball courts.

Tanya Quickel added that our 2023 fiscal year budget for Parks and Recreation programs has increased due to participation numbers higher than they were pre-pandemic.

Stephen Levin agreed with Tanya that people are very interested in doing things such as pottery classes, outdoor activities, Rec Center programming, and tennis. He went on to discuss its impact on staffing and asked how the Parks and Recreation department is set to service those people who come to the facilities.

Daryl Boyd responded that volunteers are relied upon and that staff has held together really well throughout the pandemic.

Stephen Levin asked if the current staff is able to administer programs such as boys basketball, lacrosse, and soccer, while the volunteers are the ones who are parental coaches.

Daryl Boyd confirmed that current staff is able to administer programs such as these while the volunteers are the ones who are parental coaches.

Marc Coleman discussed the idea of touring the parks and facilities around Wellington with the PRAB members and staff.

Sam Falzone stated that he thinks it is a good idea and that scheduling is the only challenge.

Daryl Boyd Stated that he would reach out to the board members for their availability and set up a tour.

C. Election of Background Sub-Committee

Daryl Boyd provided the board with an update and the purpose of the background sub-committee.

Stephen Levin asked who we would background check.

Daryl Boyd responded the volunteers such as coaches get background checks.

Stephen Levin asked if this has become elevated as a concern because participation is so high.

Daryl Boyd responded that it is elevated as a concern because of the added element of certification.

Sam Falzone discussed the history of the subcommittee and that committee itself is not changing but the requirements for training is changing. He also explained that he cannot be on the subcommittee as he is supposed to act as the liaison between the two groups.

Daryl Boyd explained that if an appeal takes place, the subcommittee tries to meet quickly because that volunteer is unable to get on the field until the process is complete.

Marc Coleman asked if there was a minimum number of people that needed to be present for the meeting.

Sam Falzone explained that it would have to be three members there for voting purposes.

Daryl Boyd explained that in the past, they would appoint two alternates in the event that someone is unable to attend a hearing.

Stephanie Cagnet Myron volunteered to be a part of the subcommittee.

Marc Coleman volunteered to be a part of the subcommittee.

Stephanie Cagnet Myron volunteered to chair the subcommittee and stated that she has familiarity with the FDLE.

Sam Falzone nominated Anthony Forgione to be the third member of the subcommittee and Peter Bartuska and Tomas Bueno will be the alternates.

VI. Old Business

VII. Staff Updates

Daryl Boyd gave the board members a departmental update including the upcoming events, summer participation, awards received, construction with Town Center, and programs.

Stephen Levin provided the board with an update to the upcoming inaugural Western Ride event.

Sam Falzone asked how we are doing with staff positions and if there were any key positions open.

Daryl Boyd explained that there were no full-time staff positions open but a few part time positions open due to staff turnover.

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Board Comments

Stephen Levin said he was happy to be repeating his role on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Stephanie Cagnet Myron said she was excited to on the board and to be a part of a great community. She thanked the Parks and Recreation staff for their hard work.

Marc Coleman said it was great to see the Village grow and prosper and congratulated the Parks and Recreation staff for their hard work and doing a great job.

Sam Falzone said he was happy to back as well and is looking forward to another great year.

X. Closing Comment

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm.

Chairperson