

**WELLINGTON
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
JUNE 3, 2019 - 7:00 PM
WELLINGTON CITY HALL**

MINUTES

Members Present: Richard Christmas, Maryjo Shockley, Anthony Forgione, Brian Buckstein, Tomas Bueno

Members Absent: Sam Falzone, Marc Coleman

Village Staff: Eric Juckett, Daryl Boyd, Tanya Quckel, Jose Reyes

I. Call to Order/Opening Comments

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Shockley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Agenda

Before the agenda was approved the Board took nominations for Chair and Vice Chair.

Mr. Christmas nominated Dr. Falzone for Chair and Mr. Bueno gave the second. Dr. Falzone was approved as Chair 5-0.

Mr. Forgione nominated Ms. Shockley as Vice Chair and Mr. Christmas gave the second. Ms. Shockley was approved as Vice Chair 4-0.

The agenda was approved 5-0.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. March 4, 2019

The minutes were approved 5-0.

V. Presentation

VI. Staff Updates

Mr. Juckett explained that the department had recently completed the accreditation visit and that all indications are that we will receive re-accreditation. He also mentioned that the Masters swim program would be returning next week.

VII. Old Business

Surtax Update

Tanya Quickel gave an update on the financial reports with respect to surtax projects. She reported that the Village is on track with the original revenue projections but has not spent a large portion of those funds to date. She spoke briefly about the moving of the Greenbriar project to the High School property.

Ms. Shockley asked about the term of the agreement. Ms. Quickel explained that the term begins once the project is complete. Mr. Juckett added that the agreement term is for 30 years. The Village Council has a window of time to approve the addition of the aquatic facility. If that part of the project does not move forward the agreement goes to a 20 year term.

Ms. Shockley expressed her concern that based on what citizens had relayed to her, it appears significant changes had been made to projects that were previously introduced to the Board and that decisions have been made concerning parks and recreation projects and that the Board was not aware or had no input. Mr. Juckett explained that the process has moved quickly to move the project to the high school site and that the benefit was that the school and the residents could use the facility and the Greenbriar site could remain available for future needs. He added that the aquatic part of the project had not been approved and was separate.

Mr. Christmas asked if this meant the current pool would be for recreational purposes for the community and the high school facility would be more for high school and swim team use. Mr. Juckett said he did not have an answer but that there were many possible options.

Ms. Shockley asked if this was a way to get rid of the current pool. Mr. Juckett said that in his opinion the Council was leaving all options open. Ms. Shockley asked if there would be referendum if that happened and Ms. Quickel stated that it would not be required.

Ms. Quickel also stated that the Town Center project also falls within the surtax projects and at this point the boardwalk is the only item moving forward and that it was in design phase.

Ms. Shockley asked about the purpose of the boardwalk and Ms. Quickel explained that it would provide additional event space in addition to an observation area. Mr. Christmas asked if the boardwalk changed or dictated any changes in the rest of the Town Center Project and Ms. Quickel answered that many things are being considered and that the boardwalk would be one element but would fit the rest of the project.

Parks Master Plan Update

Mr. Juckett explained that AECOM has evaluated facilities as well as held public input meetings, focus groups and stakeholder input meetings. He further explained that they would be presenting their findings at the next PRAB meeting based on information gathered in the inspections, input meetings and surveys.

Ms. Shockley mentioned that she had attended both meetings. She commented about information she had learned about the demographics of Wellington. She said the largest population groups are 40 plus and under 18. She believes that will be interesting for the Board going forward in considering the delivery of services to the majority age groups and believes passive recreation will become important.

Ms. Shockley also expressed concern that there are projects under way that the public feels they are unaware of.

VIII. New Business

IX. Public Comment

X. Board Comments

Mr. Bueno thanked the staff for their hard work.

Mr. Forgione apologized for not making the master plan meetings but also found the demographic information interesting.

Ms. Shockley also thanked the staff and added that the representative from AECOM commented during the meeting that Wellington facilities and programs are like no other he has seen and was thoroughly impressed.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27pm.

Chairperson