

**MINUTES
CITY OF ORMOND BEACH
QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

November 7, 2013

6:00 PM

**City of Ormond Beach
Training Room
22 South Beach Street
Ormond Beach, Florida**

1) Call to Order

Dr. Shapiro called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present were: Debbie Berner, Kathy Page, Troy Railsback, Dr. Philip Shapiro, and Betty Smith. Excused were Julianne Blanford, Dr. Daniel Drake, William Masters, Brian Nave. Absent was Dr. Gerald Woodard.

Others present were: Leisure Services Director Robert Carolin, Recording Secretary Shá Moss.

2) Approval of Minutes – May 9, 2013

Mr. Railsback moved, seconded by Ms. Berner to accept the minutes of the May 9, 2013, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – May 22, 2013

Mr. Railsback moved seconded by Ms. Berner to accept the minutes of the May 22, 2013, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

3) Discussion Items

a. Quarterly meetings

Dr. Shapiro read the Quality of Life Advisory Board's mission statement. He stated that there seemed to be a lot of things going on within the City that the Board should be discussing and making recommendations to the City Commission and could not understand why there had not been a meeting since May.

Mr. Carolin stated there was not anything going on within the City that required the Board's input. He met with the City Manager regarding the issue of the Board having quarterly meetings. It was concluded that if the City Commission had an item that they needed any of board's input, they usually asked staff to take those items to the boards. If the City Commission did not need the board's input, the board would only be discussing the item and that may be a waste of time calling a meeting.

Dr. Shapiro stated there were times when two boards had input on the same items and asked whether the roles have changed or is it more of a financial issue to hold fewer meetings.

Mr. Carolin stated that the Capital Improvement Program and the Community Development Block Grant required the Board's input. He also noted there were issues like the gymnastic center that the City Commission wanted input from the boards in the event there was feedback from the community so they would have additional information on decisions that were made. Mr. Carolin stated the City had several boards and each board met on issues that concerned their specific focus and he didn't want to waste the Board's time bringing issues that were not considered the Board's responsibility.

Dr. Shapiro asked why the alcohol issue didn't come to the Board for input.

Mr. Carolin stated this was an issue from a citizen to a Commissioner and the Commission decided to put it on the next agenda for discussion. After that discussion, they were all in agreement and asked the Legal Department to prepare an Ordinance for approval. There are many items that come to the Commission and it is up to them to decide whether they require board input.

Dr. Shapiro asked how a resident could bring an issue to the Board; wherein Mr. Carolin stated they needed to contact staff so that it could be put on the agenda.

Mr. Railsback asked whether there was anything that the Board needed to discuss for input; wherein Mr. Carolin stated there was nothing coming up in the near future.

Ms. Berner stated she did not want to have meetings for the sake of having meeting, but asked whether the Board could be kept in the loop on issues concerning things in the City through email.

Ms. Smith asked whether the Board had any influence if the City Commission voted against something; wherein Dr. Shapiro stated the Board only gave input.

Ms. Smith stated she would be in favor of quarterly meetings because then she could plan her activities instead of waiting to see if the meeting was going to be canceled.

Mr. Carolin noted that most of the activities that were going on in the City were things that the Board had discussed in the past and that were in the CIP, including the medians. He noted it was a long process before projects actually began.

Dr. Shapiro stated quarterly meeting would not be good because of the timing of things the Board needed to discuss and asked that the members would continue to keep the 1st Thursday of each month available for a meeting.

The members agreed to keep the meeting as currently scheduled.

4) Member Comments

Mr. Carolin stated he recently attended a conference and one of the discussions was Developing Better Parks. He noted that years past there was funding for Art in the Parks, but those funds have since been taken out of the CIP. He noted it was important to give people a place to congregate when they went to the parks, but there is a battle with funding and the City's reserves are getting low. Funding is going to become a greater issue in the upcoming years and there would be less projects being worked on. He noted what was in the future was defending projects, not bring new projects.

Mr. Carolin updated the Board that there were no bidders on the gymnastic center and they were working hard trying to get members. They were even going out into the area handing out flyers.

Dr. Shapiro wished the members Happy Holidays.

5) Adjournment – Next Meeting – December 5, 2013

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shá Moss, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

Dr. Philip J. Shapiro, Chairman