

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

May 8, 2014

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

Neighborhood Improvement Advisory Board members present were: Rev. Willie Branch, Ken Kimble and Josh Pringle.

Others present were: Leisure Services Director Robert Carolin, Budget Director Kelly McGuire, Grants Coordinator Loretta Moisio and Recording Secretary Shá Moss.

2) Approval of Minutes – March 6, 2014

Mr. Nave moved seconded by Ms. Berner to accept the minutes of the May 8, 2014 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

3) Community Development Block Grant Annual Plan

Dr. Shapiro stated that this was a federal grant through the Housing and Urban Development. Each year the Neighborhood Improvement Advisory Board holds a Public

Hearing for the community to discuss how to allocate the funds that are received and the Quality of life Advisory Board endorses their recommendations prior to them being sent to the City Commission for approval.

Dr. Shapiro stated there were certain criteria that had to be followed and questioned the ADA parking and sidewalk improvement at the Sports Complex.

Grants Coordinator Loretta Moio stated certain populations such as disabilities, can have projects done to give them access City facilities because they are a targeted eligible population. ADA projects can be funded by CDBG.

The NIAB stated they were currently working with the 2000 Census map, have done a lot in the projected area but are limited on projects until the new maps are out. They are hoping the new maps from the 2010 Census would be out soon and that it would expand the targeted area.

Mr. Nave asked how many roofs were going to be replaced on the housing project.

Ms. Moio answered there were 10 buildings and they have additional funding from the Housing Authority for that project.

The Board agreed with the recommendations.

Ms. Berner moved, seconded by Mr. Nave that the Quality of Life Advisory Board approves the recommendations of the Neighborhood Improvement Advisory Board for the FY 2014-15 Annual Plan as follows:

ADA Parking and Sidewalk Improvements at the Sports Complex near the T-Ball fields	\$38,333.00
Ormond Beach Housing Authority – Roof Replacement on South Washington Street Public Housing Units	\$15,000.00
Volusia/Flagler Coalition for the Homeless	\$10,000.00
Great Kids Explorer Club, Inc	\$15,000.00
Halifax Urban Ministries	\$16,000.00
Estimated Total	\$94,333.00

The motion passed unanimously.

4) Capital Improvement Program

Dr. Shapiro stated the Board is assigned three areas to discuss, but are welcomed to discuss anything in the CIP. He commended Budget Director Kelly McGuire on doing an excellent job in putting together the draft document. Dr. Shapiro stated the pie charts indicate that the largest source of revenue comes from grants, followed by user fees and only 9% were from property taxes. The highest expenditure was the airport and airpark, followed by water and wastewater and almost 12% was for parks, recreation and cultural. He noted that was above average per capita in the United States.

Ms. Berner stated that it was nice to see some new improvements instead of just maintaining current projects.

Dr. Shapiro stated he had a concern about the obelisk markers. He noted it was something that the Board was supposed to review. He noted the current design didn't represent the community and putting it in the median would not last long before it was damaged.

Mr. Masters stated that the Board had a discussion about signage months ago but not the current design.

Nova Community Park Master Plan Phase 1

Dr. Shapiro stated on page 178, Nova Community Park Master Plan Phase 1 was discussed recently by the Board and at the last CIP review meeting. It concerned him to put 130 vehicles on a former dump site, which was why the Board requested engineering studies be done before the project began. He noted dump sites took many years to settle. He recommended that the Board ~~reject~~ not endorse the project.

Ms. Berner stated she worked for an engineering firm and knew that a lot goes into capping a landfill.

Mr. Nave stated the landfill has not been active since before 1989.

Mr. Carolin stated that the site goes through several monitoring phases to let the City know how much methane gasses are being exposed. The site is monitored to see if it is decaying properly. He noted the Environmental Protection Agency is involved in the project and has knowledge as to what it takes to build on a site. The City would not be allowed to build on the site without their approval. Mr. Carolin stated this was a 5 year out project, which would give the area more time to settle. He noted it was extremely common for landfills to become public parks.

Lisa Lake Dredging

Dr. Shapiro stated the Board discussed dredging Lisa Lake and it was an unfunded project. The owners were not able to use the lake and could cause property values to decline.

Ms. McGuire stated it was a private lake which was why the City was reluctant to do anything. She stated some time ago there was some discussion with the residents that the City could help with pre-funding the project and add a special assessment to their property, but the homeowners didn't agree.

City Gateway Signs

Dr. Drake asked how the sign design was presented.

Ms. McGuire answered that there was a workshop on Tuesday, May 6, but the sign design was presented several weeks prior. There was \$185,000 set aside for the Gateway Sign project, but the project is being reworked by Landscape Architect Paul MacDonald and the consultant for a new design. At that meeting, there was not a consensus from the Commission so new designs are being brought back with the design costs for further discussion. Currently there is no decision on the signs.

Dr. Shapiro asked whether they discussed the placement of the medians because accidents occur in the medians and to replace those signs may not be cost effective.

Ms. Page asked whether would be 7 signs or 5 signs; wherein Ms. McGuire stated no decision have been made as to the amount of signs.

Ms. McGuire stated it is possible that something would be done in the upcoming year, but there are a lot of steps before it reached construction.

Mr. Carolin stated this is something that would probably come back to the Board for discussion.

Central Park Canoe Launch Ramp

Mr. Masters stated he was happy that there was a Canoe Launch Ramp for Central Park.

Mr. Carolin stated the ramp was necessary and would have handicap accessibility. City staff has been working on the launches that were already in place to make them more accessible.

Mr. Masters asked about the Pickle Ball Courts at Nova Recreation Center.

Mr. Carolin stated it was in the Master Plan and there would be 6 to 8 at that location. There are 4 indoor courts at Nova Recreation, and a couple outdoor parks at Osceola Elementary School in the tennis court area.

Environmental Learning Center

Dr. Drake asked whether the Environmental Learning Center received ECHO approval.

Mr. Carolin stated the ECHO grant was approved and construction should be completed in about 18 months.

Mr. Nave asked what was the criteria for an ECHO project.

Mr. Carolin stated that the project could be cultural, environmental, active recreation. It was a broad spectrum.

OBSC Improvements

Mr. Nave asked about Field 7 Girls Softball Field. He stated that a men's softball field could be used for men and women and didn't think that ~~\$250,000~~ ~~\$550,000~~ should be spent to be used for just one group of people. He stated it would make more sense to make it a field for more people to use or they could use a field that is currently available and allotments made so that both men and women could use the field.

Ms. Berner stated they could be adding the field to attract tournaments to the area.

Tennis Center

Dr. Shapiro asked whether there was going to be a new tennis center.

Ms. McGuire stated it was an unfunded item.

Mr. Carolin stated it was not a new tennis center. It would just be for the administrative part of the tennis center. The Commission has not made a decision about the MacDonald House.

Nova Road Walkway

Dr. Shapiro asked about the Nova Road walkway to assist the children with walking to school.

Mr. Carolin stated the project was in the current year's budget. He didn't have details on the full project.

Other Projects

Dr. Shapiro asked if there was anything that the Board wanted to see in the CIP that was not included.

Mr. Carolin stated if there were additional projects, they need to be brought to staff prior to the CIP being drafted. It would be researched and then could be put into the CIP as an unfunded identified need.

Motions

Mr. Masters moved, seconded by Ms. Page that the Quality of Life Advisory Board endorses the recommendations of the proposed projects for funding in FY 2014-15 within the following categories: Beautification, Facilities Renewal and Replacement and Parks/Recreation/Cultural as presented in the packet. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. McGuire stated the Commission will receive the recommendations from each of the Board along with their concerns.

Mr. Nave moved, seconded by Mr. Masters that the Quality of Life Advisory Board has some reservations regarding adding a separate Field 7 Girls' Softball field at the Ormond Beach Sports Complex, Project #301193, but would consider making it a unisex project. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Nave stated a temporary fence could be added converting it to a Girls' Softball Field.

Dr. Drake moved, seconded by Ms. Berner that the Quality of Life Advisory Board has some reservations regarding the City Gateway Signs and would like the project brought back to the appropriate City Boards for review prior to placing signs in various locations. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. McGuire wanted to clarify that the Board wanted to review the project prior to it going back before the Commission for final approval.

Mr. Carolin stated that the project should come back to the Board for review.

5) Member Comments

6) Adjournment – Next Meeting – June 5, 2014

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shá Moss, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

Dr. Philip J. Shapiro, Chairman