

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

May 7, 2015

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, Julianne Blanford, William Masters, Brian Nave, Troy Railsback and Dr. Philip Shapiro. Excused was Kathy Page.

Staff present was: City Manager Joyce Shanahan and Recording Secretary Shá Moss.
Presenter: Madeline Holt

2) Approval of Minutes – April 1, 2015

Corrections were made to pages 2, 4 and 5.

Mr. Masters moved seconded by Ms. Berner to accept the minutes of the April 1, 2015 meeting, as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

3) Discussion Items

a. PowerPoint Presentation Madeline Holt “Little Free Library”

Dr. Shapiro introduced Melanie Holt, Ormond Beach resident attending Spruce Creek High School.

Ms. Holt stated she was in California visiting her sister and noticed several little bird houses along the streets and asked what they were. Her sister told her that they were Little Free Libraries. She did some research and found that the concept was to take a book and leave a book. The concept emphasizes the idea of the community and sharing books. She noted it doesn't have to be a wooden house because some of the

boxes she saw were recycled items, such as antique boxes, small refrigerators and microwaves.

Ms. Holt stated one of the questions she had was, how would you stop people from stealing books, but answered that because it is a free you cannot steal something that's free. She stated that the people using the Library would make sure the books are appropriate. She noted that her committee would make sure that the Libraries and books are not vandalized. Ms. Holt stated the Libraries can be registered, and the benefit was that they are able to put the Libraries online and people can find the locations. The cost was \$35 to register and it comes with a plaque.

Ms. Holt stated the cost for one box is \$180 and the registration comes with it. There were other things that you had to purchase and her committee thought it would be better to build the boxes. She noted some possible locations for the Libraries could be: Rockefeller Gardens, the Senior Center and the MacDonald House. She noted Ormond Beach had many places to sit and relax.

Dr. Shapiro asked what the source of the books was and who would monitor what was going in them.

Ms. Holt stated anyone can read the books and it would start out with about 5 books at each location and the committee would monitor the Libraries.

Ms. Shanahan stated the location would self monitors they types of books would go in each location and suggested not putting one where school age children are. Ms. Shanahan stated she was familiar with the project as a friend of her started one in Virginia.

Mr. Masters stated the concept is good, but might become overwhelmed with many books being left. He noted there were several books at the MacDonald House that could be used to start the Libraries. He also noted the MacDonald house and Rockefeller Gardens were a very close for two separate Libraries.

Mr. Nave asked where the registration fee would come from.

Ms. Holt stated she was not asking the City for any funding, but would not turn down any funds, and the committee would use recycled products to make the Libraries.

Ms. Blanford offered another location at the Bailey Riverbridge Gardens.

Mr. Railsback asked that there be some type of continuity with the locations and it could also be a way to highlight other activities within the City. Another location for the Library could be the new Educational Learning Center.

Ms. Shanahan stated that there should be continuity for the Libraries and would offer that the City purchase three kits and put them together and then the committee could decorate the kits.

Mr. Masters moved, seconded by Ms. Berner that the Quality of Life Advisory Board endorses the concept of the Free Little Libraries and recommends to the City Commission to purchasing and assemble three essential kits to be painted and decorated by Ms. Holt and her committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Shanahan stated that she would take the information to the City Commission for approval where Ms. Holt would do another presentation for them.

b. Special Meeting for CIP Review

Dr. Shapiro stated it was time to review the CIP and the Board needed to schedule a special meeting to review it because it would be too late to review it at the June meeting. The members were asked to review their calendar for availability for May 14 and wanted to know who would be available so that there would be a quorum at the meeting.

Ms. Berner, Ms. Blanford, Mr. Nave and Dr. Shapiro were available for the May 14 meeting.

Mr. Railsback asked whether the Board was going to submit their comments at the May 14 meeting.

Ms. Shanahan stated the Board would be provided the sections that they normally reviewed in addition to the entire draft CIP. She noted Finance Director Kelly McGuire would review the budget process with the Board at the meeting. The City Commission has a workshop on June 2 to review the CIP, which is why the meeting needed to be before the next regular Board meeting on June 4.

Mr. Railsback stated he would like to review it and submit comments; wherein Ms. Shanahan stated that he could forward his comments to staff.

The Board discuss meeting on a different date, but no other date was more feasible for the Board. The date for the CIP Review remained the same.

4) Member Comments

Property Maintenance

Dr. Shapiro asked if there were any updates regarding property maintenance.

Ms. Shanahan stated that she was working on providing more information to present to the Board.

Homeless

Dr. Shapiro asked if there were any updates regarding the homeless issue.

Ms. Shanahan stated that the Committee toured the Volusia County jail and the Stewart Marchman facility near the jail as possible locations.

Moss Family

Dr. Shapiro read an email regarding Shá's daughters attending college.

Battle Box Bot

Dr. Shapiro mentioned the battle box invention of Brian Nave and asked him to give more information about it.

Mr. Nave stated it was not an invention, but years ago there was a show on television called Battle Box Bot and he had a show on the DIY Network called Robot Rivals. Battle Box Bot is coming back and it will be on ABC beginning June 21 at 9:00 p.m. His robot was a full body spinner named the Shrederator.

William Masters

Dr. Shapiro stated Mr. Masters has a ~~metal~~ medal on his jacket at the last meeting. The ~~metal~~ medal had three parts; one was because he was a Vietnam veteran, he was an enlisted man before he became an admiral and the third part was for bravery. Dr. Shapiro thanked Mr. Masters for everything that he did for the Country.

5) Adjournment – Next Meeting – May 14, 2015

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shá Moss, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

Dr. Philip J. Shapiro, Chairman