

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

February 1, 2018

6:00 PM

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

Call to Order

The meeting was to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present were: William Masters, Susan Persis, Dr. Philip Shapiro and Margaret Sharifi. Excused were John Adams and Troy Railsback. Absent was Ali Mehrabian.

Staff present was: City Manager Joyce Shanahan, Human Resources Director Claire Whitley, Public Works Director Gabe Menendez and Recording Secretary Shá Moss.

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Sha Moss read into the record - City Ordinance 2012-31, Section 2-219(c) indicates in regard to the City's ownership of the Ormond Memorial Art Museum and Gardens, the Chair of the Quality of Life Advisory Board serves as a liaison to the Board of the Ormond Memorial Art Museum.

Nomination for Chairman – Secretary

Mrs. Persis moved, seconded by Mr. Masters to nominate Dr. Shapiro as Chairman of the Quality of Life Advisory Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Shapiro thanked the Board and noted he had been a member of the Board for the past 22 years and have only missed one meeting.

Nomination for Vice-Chair – Chairman

Mrs. Persis moved, seconded by Ms. Sharifi to nominate William Masters as Vice-Chairman of the Quality of Life Advisory Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – October 5, 2017

Dr. Shapiro noted on bottom of page 9 of the minutes that clarification was needed and added “Hurricane Andrew” to his comments.

Mrs. Persis moved seconded by Mr. Masters to accept the minutes of the October 5, 2017, meeting, as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters

Establishment of Regular Meeting Schedule and Times

Dr. Shapiro noted the regular meeting through the years has been on the first Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. The meetings have been spaced throughout the year and Sha Moss gave the meeting dates for the remainder of the year as follows: April 5, June 7, August 2 and October 4.

Dr. Shapiro the June 7 meeting would most likely be to discuss the CIP review which is extremely important.

Ms. Shanahan states the City Commission will meet on June 19, but she will notify the Board of the correct date to discuss the CIP.

Sunshine Law

Dr. Shapiro stated regarding the Sunshine Law, the Board members cannot convey or discuss an issue coming before the Board with each other. You can share your input with staff or your City Commissioner.

Board Activities

Dr. Shapiro read – The Quality of Life Advisory Board is responsible for the development of a community wide consensus as to the relative need, priority and funding for the City’s programs in the areas of economic opportunity, leisure and recreational activities, cultural activities, educational and learning opportunities, and environmental and aesthetic standards for the City, as well as matters pertaining to the public library. In addition, the Board advised the City Commission on methods to preserve and vitalize property and prevent deterioration in the central business district. The Quality of Life Advisory Board also advises the staff and commission on all issues referred to it. He noted this was the most sweeping scope of any City Board.

Dr. Shapiro also read that the Quality of Life Advisory Board is a focus group that provides input and prioritization on an advisory basis for the city's projects. We discuss issues and ideas referred to us by either staff or the elected officials in order to formulate a consensus of what it is in the best interests of Ormond Beach. It's where the rubber meets the road.

Discussion Items

State of the City Video Presentation

The Board reviewed the State of the City Video Presentation.

Ms. Shanahan stated the long pier at the beginning of the video was destroyed during Hurricane Irma and Mr. Menendez will update you on that progress. You will notice the clearing along the I-95 interchange. This is where Security First building will be located. They hope to do a ground breaking in early March to start the \$30 million dollar project. Ormond Crossings has been on the table for a little over 15 years and is the last gateway for expansion and development of the business corridor. Ms. Shanahan noted staff and the City Commission worked really hard on the agreement. Tomoka Holdings was the owners of the property and finally sold the property to the Fords and kept the Tomoka Holdings name.

Ms. Shanahan stated the State of the City is held in October of each year and gives a snap shot of what's happening throughout the City. We are very proud of all that is happening, proud of the community and its participation making Ormond Beach a special place.

Update on Cassen Park Hurricane Repairs

Dr. Shapiro introduced Public Works Director Gabe Menendez.

Ms. Shanahan stated Hurricane Matthew hit Ormond Beach on October 11, 2016 and Hurricane Irma hit September 10, 2017, so there were two major hurricanes in one fiscal year. The City still has not received any money from FEMA for any damages from Hurricane Matthew. The federal government has obligated about \$6 million dollars in debris removal cost that the City has incurred. The State is now reviewing all of that paperwork.

Regarding the girls' soft ballfield project, Ms. Shanahan stated they went to the Daytona Racing District which received 19 grant applications and only funded 6. The girls' softball field was not one of those projects chosen. The City will apply again next year for those funds. About 2/3 of the lights at the Sports Complex were destroyed during Hurricane Matthew and they just completed the repairs of those lights and upgraded them to LED fixtures , which gives better quality light and are more energy efficient. Though they are a little more expensive upfront but you get more for the money.

No funds have been received from Hurricane Irma either.

Hurricane Irma Damage

Section of Pier Needs Replacement

Fishing Pier Repair

North Side

Sections of pier north of bridge that needs new pilings and replacement

Multiple cross-braces throughout the structure need replacement

Mr. Menendez stated Hurricane Irma damaged a portion of the north pier, the entire south portion, the boat ramps, the floating docks as well as the fisher piers. These docks run from Cassen Park to the Bailey Riverbridge Gardens.

Ms. Shanahan noted the pilings were not installed as deeply and the decking were attached differently than the newer sections of the pier.

Fishing Pier

Piling bents at fishing pier left after storm surge removed rest of structure

Some pilings bents will need replacement.

Dr. Shapiro asked was it mainly water damage.

Ms. Shanahan answered that it was from the surge. She noted the break water from the floating dock would have likely help protect the pier. The Ormond Yacht Club which is located north of City Hall, did not sustain hardly any damage because of the oyster shell that helps serve as a break water to the dock. Deeper pilings would have helped, but at the time they were installed there were different regulations.

Boat Ramps

All boat ramps accessory docks destroyed.

Additional photo of damaged accessory docks.

Mr. Menendez stated dock repairs have started at the Bailey Gardens side and have been completed up to the fishing pier and the end of the fishing pier has been blocked off preventing anyone from walking off the pier into the water.

Repairing Hurricane Damage Adding Floating Dock & Breakwater

Repair of Timber Pier and Boat Ramp Docks

Breakwater, Dredging and Floating Concrete Dockage

Creates 12 Boat Slips

Mr. Menendez highlighted the proposed floating concrete dock and expanded breakwater. He noted expanded breakwater would protect the docks from future surge damage. This project would probably go out for bid in early fall 2018.

Dr. Shapiro asked how above high tide level the breakwater would be.

Mr. Menendez stated it should have a free board of about a foot to two feet above high tide.

Mrs. Persis asked what the breakwater made of.

Mr. Menendez answered it would be made of rocks and stones that would be caged. It's a system where it is kept intact so that it doesn't break away.

Ms. Shanahan stated it looks a little like chicken wire wrapped rocks made into block shapes tied together to form the breakwater.

Ms. Shanahan stated this project came to the City through MainStreet who was looking for a way to entice people downtown. They would be able to dock their boats, have dinner, walk around and return to their boat. She noted it would not be used for overnight docking. There would not be any pump out, lights, electricity or Wi-Fi.

Dr. Shapiro asked what SJWMD says about the project.

Ms. Shanahan stated they would go through the normal permitting process for this project. The Army Core of Engineers would probably review those types of structures.

Mr. Menendez noted the replacement piers and docks would be merged with this project so it is done at the same time. He noted they were going out to bid in the fall but the project should take between 6 to 8 months to complete.

Ms. Shanahan noted it's been an effort getting someone to replace the dock and ramps because the contractors are very busy.

Mrs. Persis asked whether there was something to use that could be pulled in prior to a hurricane.

Ms. Shanahan answered it was really not practical and noted it was challenging and expensive just removing the shade structures from the parks. She stated the pilings would be driven several feet lower, so that would help in the future.

Dr. Shapiro asked whether any boat ramps were open; wherein Mr. Menendez noted they should be open by next weekend.

Mr. Masters stated some people have their docks set up so that they can remove some of the boards so that the surge would go through the missing pieces taking some stress off the entire dock.

Cassen Park Repairs

<i>Expenditures</i>	
Design of Repairs	\$35,000
North Dock Repair	\$11,400
Boat Launch Repair	\$18,600
Rebuild Fishing Pier	\$1,135,000
Total Expenditures	\$1,200,000

<i>Revenues</i>	
FEMA (Federal Share 80%)	\$960,000
FEMA (State Share 12.5%)	\$150,000
Insurance Proceeds	\$90,000
Total Revenues	\$1,200,000

*Cassen Park
 New Project – Floating Dock & Breakwater*

<i>Expenditures</i>	
Design of Dock	\$142,000
Design of Extended Breakwater	\$30,000
Construction Administration Services	\$50,000
Construction Costs	\$1,100,000
Total Expenditures	\$1,322,000

<i>Revenues</i>	
FIND Grant – Design	\$54,000
FIND Grant – Construction	\$200,000
TIF Fund Reserves	\$400,000
City General Fund Reserve	\$668,000
Total Revenues	\$1,322,000

Mr. Menendez stated this project would go out for bid in October/November, which should be complete after the beginning of the 2019 hurricane season.

Hurricane Irma Damage

Boat Ramps

*Collapsed sections of fishing pier north of bridge repaired
 Barge working on fishing pier south side of bridge*

Mr. Menendez stated the fishing pier repairs would be completed prior to the dock and breakwater improvement projects.

Cassen Park Proposed Bait House and Restroom Building

Flooding damage to Bait Shop and restrooms

Current CIP to replace restrooms

Propose to relocate and raise Bait Shop

Propose to raise restrooms

Apply for FEMA HMGP Grant (75%/ 25%)

Mr. Menendez stated the CIP has plans to re-do the restrooms at Cassen Park and because of the damage to the bait shop we are looking at relocating and combining the two structures into one structure and elevating them to protect it against future flooding. That will be a separate project and we would be seeking FEMA Grant funds.

Dr. Shapiro noted the park is heavily used.

Ms. Shanahan stated funding would be the main concern. The City has applied for FWC grant to make up the \$668,000 and one of the FIND grants was received and we will look into applying again next year. She noted they are also looking at other revenue sources. Ms. Shanahan stated the City Commission supports the proposal and wanted to share it with the Board but noted it was not in the design stage yet.

Ms. Shanahan stated during every hurricane a portion of the total estimated damage is allocated to hazard mitigated funds by the Federal Government to FEMA. Those funds were used in Central Park from the 2009 unnamed storm. The City received \$3.5 million to raise Hand Avenue, interconnection of the Central Park waves and upgraded the pump station to help with the ponds during the storms. Phase II is to look at east Fleming Avenue at the low point and additional funds were received to assist with that issue. Ms. Shanahan stated the Public Works and Engineering Departments have been doing a great job in assisting with grant applications and the City has been successful receiving hazard mitigation grant funds.

Mrs. Persis moved, seconded by Mr. Masters to approve the concept of the Cassen Park proposed Bait House and restrooms building project. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Shapiro noted it was a complex project and without the breakwater it would not be feasible. He liked the idea of the combined raise building.

Ms. Shanahan noted a lot of people parked there to walk the bridge, to fish and for boating. She stated through the Bait Shop Ike Leary sponsors three fishing tournaments each year and he gives fishing poles to the winner, he cooks hot dogs and provides soda and chips as well. The tournaments are at the beach, the river and Central Park.

Update on Downtown Beautification

Ms. Shanahan stated she met with Julia Truilo ~~Trile~~ to discuss the downtown art project regarding flower pots. She mentioned the large unattractive containers that were in the median and removed several years ago. They are now looking for something more attractive for the area. She noted the sun was going to be a challenge for flower growth. Ms. Shanahan noted the Board was aware of the mural project. One of the sites would be the proposed building for the bait shop and restrooms facing the water. She noted a couple business owners were interested in sponsoring the project.

Ms. Shanahan stated in speaking with staff, there may be more restaurants coming to downtown in the future, possibly where the Ormond Garage and the old gas station are located. Hulls Seafood is making improvements and things are shaping up. They are trying to make the area more walkable.

Member Comments

Dr. Shapiro asked the Board whether they knew who Samuel Adams was and what he did in reference to the revolutionary war. Dr. Shapiro answered that Samuel Adams originated the idea that the United States become a sovereign ~~covering~~ nation and mentioned this because John Adams was a descendent of Samuel Adams. He also acknowledged the birth of Mr. Railsback newest son and Sha Moss' grandchildren. Dr. Shapiro noted a few years ago, Mr. Masters attended a meeting with some military ribbons on his jacket. One was for enlisting; one for serving in Vietnam and the other was for bravery. Mr. Masters' service included brown water service and Dr. Shapiro thanked Mr. Masters for his service.

Peninsula Hospital

Ms. Sharifi asked whether there has been any information regarding Peninsula Hospital.

Ms. Shanahan stated she had not heard anything. She noted a Centra Care facility has been opened on the mainland and commented that level one traumas were not seen at that facility. Any pediatric or major complications always went to a mainland hospitals.

Staff Liaison

Ms. Shanahan noted it's been a pleasure serving as staff liaison for the Board and introduced Claire Whitley, Human Resources Director and noted she was also acting as Assistant City Manager. She will be the new staff liaison.

Ms. Shanahan noted the Board was important because they get to give input on the things that were the sense of community and sense of place for the City of Ormond Beach.

Adjournment – Next Meeting – April 5, 2018

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shá Moss, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

Dr. Philip J. Shapiro, Chairman