

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

**December 5, 2019**

**5:00 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 5:00 p.m.

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

Staff present was: Director of Leisure Services Robert Carolin and Recording Secretary Angela Gibbs.

**2) Approval of Minutes – August 1, 2019**

Clarification was made on the name of the MacDonald House to Stout-MacDonald House by Dr. Shapiro.

**Mr. Adams moved seconded by Mr. Masters to accept the minutes of the August 1, 2019 meeting, as amended. The motion passed unanimously.**

**3) Audience Comments**

Linda Williams, 131 Bosarvey Drive, member of Civil Discourse, asked if the Board handled environmental issues such as intensity of sea level rise. Ms. Williams suggested that the Board become aware and involved in resiliency issues.

Dr. Shapiro recommended Ms. Williams speak with the City Manager and Commissioners about the issues and if they felt it was an item the Board should discuss then it would be put on the Board's agenda.

#### **4) Fortunato Park Amenities – Rotary Club**

Dr. Shapiro introduced Director of Leisure Services, Robert Carolin.

Mr. Carolin stated the Rotary Club adopted Fortunato Park and introduced Damien Richards and Jeff Brock, members of the Rotary Club, to discuss upcoming projects for the park.

Mr. Richards stated one of the Rotary Club's goals is to come up with a Master Plan to enhance Fortunato Park. The Rotary Club wanted input from the Board, City Departments and the community so that a Master Plan can be developed and fund raising can begin. He stated he could see the Adopt-A-Park Program go forward to other parks in the City and believes other local Clubs would get involved as well.

Mr. Adams suggested the four corner parks be consistent in color scheme for amenities.

Mr. Carolin explained that right now each park colors are theme specific to their location and stated beachside parks require "coastal coating" to prevent rust erosion.

Mr. Richards stated he would like to have an organized plan so that the Rotary Club has the ability to make quick decisions when opportunities arise for Fortunato Park.

Mr. Brock asked the Board what vision they saw for Fortunato Park; an active park with a lot of equipment or a passive park with benches and shade structures.

Dr. Shapiro recommended park equipment reasonably close to the waterway and benches near equipment for parental supervision. He suggested parking not be taken away due to City events and keep with neutral colors to not distract the residents that live across the street from Fortunato Park. Shade cover was not recommended as sleeping might occur on the benches.

Mr. Railsback asked what procedure the City has in place when a park project is requested and was it on a proactive or reactive basis. He stated he would endorse the process of someone creating a template model for Fortunato Park that could then be used for the City's other parks as well. This would allow the City to be more proactive going forward.

Mr. Carolin stated it was currently more on a reactive basis.

Mr. Adams stated he hoped the City would work with the Rotary Club to identify some guidelines among the four cornerstone parks so there is consistency but also flexibility and to not make the process long.

Ms. Sharifi asked if there was anything missing in the parks currently and if so could those items be put on a wish list.

Mr. Carolin stated a list exists but is based primarily on other areas in our park systems. He gave examples of Adopt-A-Bench and Adopt-A-Tree Programs which help to speed up the process of repairs to benches and replacing or planting native trees. Mr. Carolin stated the City has over the years referenced the 2004 City Parks and Recreation Master Plan when making decisions on City Park's needs. He noted the Commission approved money for a new Master Plan to be developed but would probably not be completed until July or August of 2020.

Dr. Shapiro asked who handles the repairs and maintenance once a project is completed in a park; wherein Mr. Carolin answered, once a project has been completed, the City takes on the maintenance and responsibilities of the park.

Mr. Richards stated repairs and maintenance could be part of the Master Plan for Fortunato Park along with new equipment.

Mr. Brock stated the Rotary Club is looking at a long-term relationship with the City and their budget would determine how many pieces of new equipment could be purchased. He said the Rotary Club could possibly adopt another corner park in the future once Fortunato Park is up and stabilized.

Ms. Hart asked if City parks and playgrounds operate under the same guidelines and restrictions as school playgrounds, wherein Mr. Carolin answered that he is not familiar with any different standards if they exist.

Mr. Carolin stated Fortunato Park is more than adequate for City standards. The Rotary Club could enhance it with a boardwalk, a floating dock, kayak launch or other items that the Board comes up with.

Mr. Railsback suggested until the Master Plan is completed, maintenance issues could be handled initially in the parks, then in July 2020, bigger projects could then be tackled by the Rotary Club. The real opportunity is to create a process to make it happen quickly.

Mr. Adams stated there are various Clubs and Organizations in the City he feels would be willing to participate in as well if brought to their attention.

**Mr. Masters moved seconded by Mr. Railsback that the Quality of Life Advisory Board endorses the Rotary Club, the City and other organizations in their efforts to facilitate a timely, Master Plan for Ormond Beach City Parks. The motion passed unanimously.**

Dr. Shapiro thanked Mr. Richards and Mr. Brock for coming forward with the discussion and stated more information was needed but it was a good start.

Dr. Shapiro wished everyone happy holidays and a happy New Year.

**5) Adjournment – Next Meeting – Date February 13, 2020**

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Angela Gibbs, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

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Dr. Philip J. Shapiro, Chairman