

**Village of North Palm Beach
Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
MINUTES
January 10, 2023 at 7:00 pm
Anchorage Park**

1) Call to Order: Chair Bell

2) Roll Call:

Bob Bell, Chair
Stephen Heiman
Mia St John
Rita Budnyk
Maria Cassidy

Don Grill, Vice Chair
Paul Beach
Village Council Representative:
Zakariya Sherman, Director of Leisure Services

**All Present except Stephen Heiman, who let staff know on January 8 he'd be absent.
No Council Member present.**

2) Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Mia St John. Second by Maria Cassidy. All were in favor.

3) Public Comments:

No comments.

4) Director's Report

Lakeside Park:

- Beach finds
 - Stephen found two Christmas trees last week on the beach!
- Golf Cart
 - Estimated delivery is sometime in January now.
- Rangers
 - We have two rangers working weekends/holidays.
 - Adolfo Ochoa works Saturday from 7am-3pm and Sunday 8:30am-5:30pm
 - Alberto Rios works Saturday from 10am-6pm and Sunday 10am-6pm
 - Rangers started giving out tickets over new year's weekend; they issued three tickets so far.
 - Ticket procedures are as follows:
 - Violators must go to PD to pay ticket

- To dispute a ticket, violator must go to Community Development and ask to be placed on the agenda for special magistrate
- Ranger will need to attend those meetings if anyone disputes a ticket
- Tickets, for now, will be issued for parking violations at Lakeside Park and marina violations at Anchorage

Anchorage Park:

New Playground

- Work is still being done.
- We had to wait on concrete for a while.
- We still think we can get the ribbon cutting done and have it open by Hot Cars & Chili, which is on January 28.

Dry Storage

- Working with FPL on plan to underground overhead lines.
- Working with Engenuity on plan to replace fence and put in landscaping.

Plumbing

- There's a leak in the fountain at small dog park (coming from underneath fountain).
- Plumbers have to dig out concrete.
- Scheduled for January 16.

Mulch

- Working with precision to get mulch around the park, especially along the perimeter of the building.

Trail Lighting

- Working with Engenuity to do photometrics for trail lighting around park

Marina:

Boat Ramp

- Engenuity/Gerwig are working on revision to civil engineering & surveying services estimate.

South slips

- Cameras/poles to be installed shortly.

Community Center:

- Playground
 - Ordered Neutron Carousel for playground along with 1 wear mat.
- Dodgeball Dates
 - Friday, January 13 & 20 from 6-8pm
- Youth Soccer and minis soccer
 - Starts Monday, January 9
 - Enrollments to date: 87 total (49 6-8yr olds; 25 9-11yr olds; 13 12-14yr olds).
 - Emails went out to registrants last week.
 - Soccer shots will do skills and drills clinic first week of soccer (M, W, F).
 - They will also give tips to coaches.
 - At the end of the Wednesday clinic, coaches will draft their players (for 9-11s and 12-14s).
 - From Kennedy Johnson with Soccer Shots:
 - We are excited about offering the skills and drills clinic to the NPB kids!

- We propose 3 days - January 9th, 11th, 13th. We can do 5:30 - 6:30 with the 6-8s and 6:30 - 7:30 with 9-11s.
 - We will have 4 coaches and charge \$500 per day.
 - We can also buddy up parents with the coaches and show them what skill drills are effective for each age group etc.
 - I'm happy to help you promote the soccer season if I can as well.
 - Soccer shots normally has between 40-100 kids in their program at Osborne every Saturday/Sunday.
 - If we can develop a partnership with them, the hope would be to pull those kids into our program next year.
 - Minis soccer:
 - We extended registration a bit.
 - 12 kids signed up for Wednesdays; but only three for Mondays.
 - We might combine all kids into Wednesday.
- Fence replacement
 - Working on third quote for remainder of Community Center field fence replacement. Getting higher gauge this time.
- Plumbing
 - Plumbers fixed leaking spigot on side of building; had to chip wall to totally replace.
 - They also ordered a new outdoor bottle filler fountain to replace the rusted unit closest to main front door of building.
- TCS
 - Using field for girls middle school soccer.
 - Using gym for middle school boys/girls basketball.
- St. Clare
 - Using gym for boys basketball

Osborne Park:

Plumbing

- Plumbers removed old water fountain at side of racquetball court.

Community Garden

- Staff purchased some garden supplies from Home Depot for members to use.
 - All garden related supplies are being stored in the Osborne Park concession stand garage.
- Rec Staff will be helping Garden Board expand garden.
 - Stephen working on fence quote and for someone to add more beds
 - Zak working on getting revised tiki hut quotes

Garden Board

- From the treasurer:
 - The Articles of Incorporation for NORTH PALM BEACH COMMUNITY GARDEN, INC. were filed electronically on November 16, 2022, effective January 01, 2023.
 - Last week, we received our Employer Identification Number from the IRS.
 - Now to do the third step and fill out IRS form 1023-EZ for our non-profit status.
 - Then open up our own bank account with TD Bank.
- December Update:
 - MEET US IN THE GARDEN

- Some gardeners are already finding hornworms on their tomato plants.
- They are very camouflaged, so be sure to check closely for them if you have tomatoes in your garden.
- If you haven't yet, please be sure to have your plot fully planted. If you need to surrender your plot, let us know.
- Are you interested in working with other gardeners on the community bed?
- We are still forming the guidelines for our community plots, so it's a great time to get involved!

Baseball field

- Haverland completed repairs to the field.

Veterans Park:

Working on quotes to refurbish the park.

- We're looking into turf for the three grassy strips adjacent the library, repairing the trellises, new trash bins, landscaping, and some brick work

Staffing:

Open positions

- 1 open Recreation Assistant position at Anchorage.
- 3 open Library Clerk positions at the Library.
- 2 camp counselors for spring break camp.

Special Events:

- **Bus Trips:**

- See attached flyer.

- **Special events**

- Friends of the Library Bake Sale & Boutique
 - Made \$1,093.16 on December 3 alone.
 - Final total for Bake/Boutique sale was **\$1,733.66!!**
- Trolley Rides
 - December 16 at 6:30pm
 - Had four (4) trolleys again to keep the line wait to a minimum.
 - Children visited Santa in the Library's Obert room.
 - The Friends of the Library and Rec staff served popcorn and other snacks/drinks in Veterans Park.
 - Comment from attendee:
 - First & foremost what an awesome festivity you & your beautiful team presented on Friday!
 - My granddaughter & I had an absolute blast & we plan to do every year with you! you make South Florida a lovely place to be.
 - Every single team member you had there, is a reflection of your leadership & I just thought you should know how fantastic you are doing!
 - We were the first to visit Santa & the sweet gentleman & gal who took our photo offered to email it to me as I am creating a story book for my granddaughter for when she gets older to reflect on.
 - May I please ask you to reach out to them & have them send it when they get time?
 - Again, mahalo for the most memorable Christmas enchantment & Mele Kakimaka to all!

- Christmas love, amy.
 - Santa's Texts:
 - Bill and Julie helped Santa complete his texts!
 - Sent 40 in total.
 - Santa's Engine Rides
 - Fire Department helped Santa get around the Village!
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Hot Cars and Chili cookoff
 - January 28, 2023
 - Drafthouse to do non-chili food

Library:

- Facilities
 - Library new shelving:
 - New shelving has been assembled.
 - Old shelves were disassembled and taken away.
 - New carpet purchase goes to Council in January.
 - Steel wall shelving may not arrive until February.
 - We also want to paint the upstairs interior walls.
 - Still waiting on new café style tables to arrive as well as the 2 self-checkout pods.
- Programming:
 - Craft programs still going strong with 20-30 adults each time.
 - About to start Crazy 8s math club for elementary students.
 - Club will be Wednesday afternoons with K-2 at 2:30pm and grade 3-5 at 3:30pm.
- Library Advisory Board meeting was canceled last month for holidays.
- Annual Booksale

5) New Business:

- John D. MacArthur State Park Annual NatureScaping event invitation March 4

Discussed outreach event at MacArthur Park on March 4. Rec and Library plan to attend. Looking for volunteers to help.

6) Old Business:

- None

7) Member Comments:

Maria discussed sand volleyball at Anchorage. Wanted to make sure any groups using courts had permits to do so. Maria also discussed golf cart parade. Said it went well. Then chatted about boat parade and how many golf carts showed up. Zak clarified golf carts are not allowed driving through the parks. Bob noted he hasn't seen as many carts driving through Lakeside anymore.

8) Staff Comments:

None.

9) Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 7:35PM. Motion made by Don. Seconded by Maria.