

Recreation and Parks Commission
August 12, 2014

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:22 P.M. at Northside Park. Present were Joe Mitrecic, Lloyd Martin, Dennis Dare, Frank Miller, Calvin Ginnavan, and Susan Petito. Guests included Zack Hoopes and Joanne Shriner.
2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of July 15, 2014 were approved as amended.
3. New Private Event Requests: Susan reported that the BeCore Marketing Activation promotion has made a few minor event changes and has completed the Private Event application process. This event will be presented at the August 18 Council meeting.
4. Update on Beach Play Equipment: Susan reported equipment was installed on August 1 and has been very successful with no incidents reported. Benches have been put in place and are being used. Recommendation for future to install signage to display names of donors responsible for the equipment.
5. Outdoor Exercise Area: Susan reported that concerns have been expressed about young children misusing the outdoor fitness equipment at Northside Park and using it as a play area. Discussion ensued regarding appropriate age-use, signage and enforcement. It was recommended by Councilman Mitrecic that cost for installation of a 42” vinyl fence with a pull latch inside a single entry gate be investigated, and Councilman Dare recommended further investigation into the cost and practical application of a security camera installation. Staff will report back at a future Commission meeting.”
6. Sunset Park Landscaping: Councilman Dare reported that Sunset Park has become more of an entertainment venue rather than just a place to watch the Sunset as originally intended. Current native landscaping have become large and somewhat unruly and do not allow for the additional seating space necessary when concerts occur. Susan noted that some native plantings may give the appearance of weeds, but in fact, are not really weeds. Councilman Mitrecic suggested adding educational signage in the beds. Councilman Dare commented that the density of the perimeter plantings could also be a safety issue. Calvin Ginnavan suggested that the front two planting beds could be modified. The Committee agreed to meet at Sunset Park for the next meeting to walk the park for review and further discussion.

7. Other Business:

- Susan reported that residents at Hidden Harbor expressed concern about the Kayak and SUP renters infringing on the marshes and wetlands at the rear of the park. Susan presented photos to the Committee for review and reported that the Kayak/SUP vendor has been nothing but cooperative and requests that his customer stay on their boards and in their kayaks and not to walk or contact the marshes and wetlands. After discussion, it was recommended that a Town of Ocean City sign be erected at the launch site to remind the public to protect the marshes and wetlands. Susan will investigate.
- Susan reported that a Catamaran recently docked at Northside Park for an entire weekend, and that its presence interfered with the scheduled fireworks for Sundaes in the Park. The owner was located and the issue resolved, but Kevin Brown advised that permission to add an ordinance sign to the pier be requested from the Commission. The Commission members suggested a “No Mooring or Docking from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.” sign be added, but asked staff to confirm language with Guy Ayres.
- Susan reported she and Terry McGean are meeting with the OCDC design committee for their input into the Bayside Park design.
- Susan reported the new Fall/Winter Splash has arrived.
- Susan reported we will be presenting a single source bid for the resurfacing of the basketball courts at 94th Street at the next Council meeting.
- Susan reported that when the dredging project begins, the material will be used as fill at the Northside Park Lagoon,
- Susan reported that Movies on the Beach at 27th Street, Family Olympics have ended and this is our last week of summer camps.

8. Closed Session: Councilman Lloyd Martin made a motion to move into closed session at 5:10 p.m., seconded by Councilman Dennis Dare. At 5:25, Councilman Dare moved to reopen the meeting, with Councilman Martin seconding.

9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 9th at 4:00 p.m at Sunset Park.