

Recreation Advisory Board

May 22, 2019

6:30pm

Wally Elfers Park

Meeting called by: Janice Carter

Type of Meeting: Recreation Advisory Board

Facilitator: Janice Carter

Attendees: Ed Scheffler, Jennifer Tai, Ted Rich, Janice Carter, Irv Kiffin

Absent: Roody Lormera,

Guests: None

Agenda Topics

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.
- II. Approval of the minutes – Motion to approve by Ted Rich, second by Ed Scheffler.

III. Old Business

- a. Sponsorship Letter – Kiff passed out sponsorship letters to any member who had not received one. The board thanked Jennifer Tai for her efforts in obtaining sponsorship dollars from the Mayor to purchase t-shirts for the soccer program. Janice mentioned to the group that board member James Tullis had recently passed. Janice did attend the wake and left a contribution with the family. She

requested that we have a moment of silence in recognition of James passing and his commitment to the city through the Recreation Advisory Board efforts. Kiff followed up by letting the board know there would also be a moment of silence for James at the next Commission meeting on June 10th at 7:00pm. He also stated the department (PALS) would be re-naming the existing Volunteer of the Year award presented to an outstanding volunteer each year at the SAKE (Sports Advancing Kids Education) Awards to the James Tullis Volunteer Award moving forward. Janice went on to say that she will make an effort to reach out to the family and make them aware of the recognition. Janice shared with the board that James was an All Star quarterback for FAMU, and after graduation went on to play for the Chicago Bears. Ed reiterated what the entire room felt, and that was James was a great guy and extremely humble. Kiff mentioned that the board has been asked to provide an update to the Commission on June 24th at 7:00pm. He suggested the board take the time to pay tribute to James. Janice also mentioned what a great bowler James was and how he made efforts on numerous occasions to start a youth program in Lauderhill. She asked how long James had been on the board. Kiff said that he would find out and get back to her.

- b. Garden Club – Kiff informed the board that Jennifer and the Garden Club has been working tirelessly with staff to spruce up the entranceways at our parks. The first project will be at Wally Elfers Park on June 1st at 8:30am. Janice volunteered to help Jennifer and invited the other board members to join in the effort. Ted shared with the board that he and his wife Dorothy spoke at one of the Mayor's Green Series seminars. He surprised the group by letting everyone know about his pastime, raising orchids.

IV. New Business

- a. New Board Member - Kiff distributed the resume of Jessica Coutain, a potential new board member. After review, the board voted to approve the application and to welcome Jessica to attend the next meeting scheduled in September.
- b. Recreation Advisory Board Update – As mentioned earlier, the board agreed to provide an update to the Commission on June 24th at 7:00pm.
- c. Bank Shot Play Court – Kiff communicated that the West Kenlark HOA had requested the city construct a bank shot play court at West Kenlark Park. According to the HOA, the city has agreed to fund the project.
- d. Boxing program – Kiff communicated that the boxing equipment had arrived and the city will look to begin the program sometime this summer. Ted voiced some concerns about the safety of the program. Kiff said yes, safety precautions have been taken. Janice added that children gravitate towards programs like this. It is an outlet, especially for at-risk children.
- e. Golf Ted gave a brief summary of the Fore-Life golf program, sponsored by the city. Ted will submit a written report to the Parks and Recreation Department before the next meeting.
- f. Family Safety Day – scheduled to take place on Saturday, June 1st. Janice communicated that she will make every effort to attend.

V. Next Meeting - September 25th at 6:30 pm at Wally Elfers Park.

VI. Other Matters of Concern – There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.