

**City of Groveland
Minutes
Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 10, 2023**

The Groveland Recreation Advisory Committee (RAC) held a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 in the Lake David Community Center located at 450 S. Lake Avenue, Groveland, FL 34736. Chair Joscelyn Campbell called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. with the following Members present: Vice Chair Linda Cowels, Committee Members Shana Martin, Michael Gris, David Badillo, David Bergstein, Frederick Wood, Charles Kenzig, and School Board Member Representative Lashawn Irvin. City staff present were Parks & Community Services Director Mike Walker, Events Coordinator Francesca Spartz, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant Vanessa Boodhoo.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of Approval:

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Motion: Committee Member Bergstein moved to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Committee Member Martin.

Motion passed with all committee members present voting aye.

PRESENTATIONS

2023 Calendar of Events

Parks & Community Services Events Coordinator Francesca Spartz referenced the Calendar of Events contained in the agenda packet. Ms. Spartz provided an update as follows:

- Libby's Legacy will be hosting a Pink Ribbon 5k Run/Walk for Breast Cancer Awareness Month at Lake David Park on October 15, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- 2nd Friday Market will be held on October 13, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Lake David Park.
- The Annual Trunk or Treat Event will be held on October 28, 2023 from 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Lake David Park.
- The Dia de Los Muertos event will be held on November 1, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Lake David Park.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Capital Improvement Plan (FY23/24)

Mr. Walker referenced the Capital Improvement spreadsheet contained in the agenda packet and reported the following:

- **Cherry Lake Park** – Phase II of the Cherry Lake Park Improvements- Architect Designs has been completed.
- **Lake David Park** – Splash pad shade structures have been completed.
- **Jimmy Thomas Memorial Park** – Renovations at baseball fields have been completed.
- **David Blanks Park** – Restrooms have been completed.
- **South Lake Regional Park** – Phase I A - Construction is eighty (80%) complete.
- **Cherry Lake Park Phase 2** – Sitework, playground, and sidewalks is at five (5%) completion.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Christmas Parade Judging Discussion:

Ms. Spartz referenced last year's judging sheet for the upcoming Christmas Parade and briefly reviewed the parade entries by categories. Entry categories include motorized vehicles, Mayor's choice, floats, walkers, horses, and school bands. Ms. Spartz also summarized the voting process.

Ms. Spartz reported those interested in participating in the parade to reach out to her directly. The parade will take place on Saturday, December 9, 2023.

REPORTS

a. Else Tomlin Center

Vice-Chair Cowels stated that the report she gave on the September 12, 2023, RAC Meeting was miscommunicated. Vice-Chair Cowels would like for correction to be noted at the next meeting.

Vice-Chair Cowels states that the Else Tomlin Sentence is in an inappropriate spot and the sentence that states it has now five (5) locations applies to Cybersecurity. The Second sentence should have three (3) other locations within Lake County. Umatilla, Tavares, Leesburg. Making five locations with Mid-Florida that provided the Seniors with the Cyber Security classes.

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b. Committee Reports

Committee Member Kenzig

Committee Member Kenzig shared information about grant opportunities that are available to local agencies. Committee Member Kenzig mentioned the Parks Department would benefit from the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program. Applications will be accepted beginning November 15, 2023.

Committee Member Wood

Nothing to report at this time.

Committee Member Badillo

Nothing to report at this time.

Committee Member Bergstein

Nothing to report at this time.

Committee Member Gris

Nothing to report at this time.

Committee Member Martin

Nothing to report at this time.

School Board Rep Irvin

Nothing to report at this time.

Vice-Chair Cowels

Nothing to report at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Campbell adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

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Linda Cowels, Vice-Chairperson

Attest: 

Vanessa Boodhoo, Recording Secretary