

1 MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAKE MARY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD held
2 January 4th, 2010, 6:30 P.M., Lake Mary City Commission Chambers, 100 North Country Club
3 Road.

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5 I. Call to Order

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7 Danny Williamson called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

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9 II. Roll Call/Determination of a Quorum (not less than 4)

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11 Members Present

12 Richard Schulz, Chairman - Absent

13 Francie Wynalda, Vice Chairman - Absent

14 James Buck - Absent

15 Darrell Jarvis

16 Danny Williamson

17 Robert Sebald

18 Lynette Swinski

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20 Also in attendance were Bill Carrico, Director of Parks and Recreation; Kathy Gehr, Assistant
21 Director of Parks & Recreation; Gunnar Smith, Park and Recreation Supervisor and Events
22 Center Manager; Amber Lyons, Staff Assistant; and John Omana, Community Development
23 Director.

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25 III. Approval of Minutes – November 2nd, 2009

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27 **Motion was made by Darrell Jarvis and seconded by Robert Sebald to approve the**
28 **minutes of September 14, 2009, as written. Motion carried unanimously.**

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30 IV. Citizen Participation

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32 Mr. Bill Carrico, Park and Recreation Director, approached the stand and stated that we have a
33 request from Little League, represented by Mr. John Miller, to put up signage at the Sports
34 Complex. Mr. John Miller approached the stand and stated he resides at 382 Chinook Circle
35 Lake Mary, FL. He is a member of the Little League Board. He stated Little League would like
36 to have sources which would generate revenue for Little League. One source would be to find
37 local business in the community to provide sponsorships. He showed an example of a banner
38 that Little League would want to hang on the outside fences during the baseball season. The
39 sponsorships would generate money which would in turn go back into equipment and field
40 maintenance. A proposed percentage of the revenue, once agreed upon, would be used to
41 put back into the Sport Complex. Little League is constantly trying to find funds for equipment
42 for the kids.

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44 The City of Lake Mary has a strict sign ordinance policy. Mr. Miller stated that Little League
45 respects this policy and there will be no obstructions and will not detract the Sports Complex
46 due to signage. He hopes the Advisory Board is in favor of considering this so they can
47 present this to City commission.

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49 Mr. Robert Sebald asked Mr. John Omana, Community Development Director, if the signage

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1 violates the city code. Mr. Omana responded that in review of Chapter 155 of the Land
2 Development Codes under appendix I there is a provision that list type of prohibited signs in
3 the city which include banners. Lake Mary has the strictest sign code in Central Florida. So to
4 answer that question Mr. Omana stated that this would not meet the code provisions of
5 Chapter 155 appendix I. Little League would have to recommend to City Commission for it to
6 be approved.

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8 Mr. Jarvis pointed out that this is a situation that the Advisory Board isn't in a position to
9 recommend changes to. He stated that it is an ordinance and it would need to be changed by
10 Commission.

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12 Mr. Miller proceeded to ask Mr. Omana what the next step would be to pursue this further. Mr.
13 Omana replied that there are a couple of procedures. Anybody who wishes a deviation from
14 the code, specifically the sign code, could petition for a variance in front of the Planning and
15 Zoning Board that sits as the sign board of adjustment. They would then have the ultimate
16 authority to either approve or deny the matter. The next step would be to present to
17 Commission.

18 19 V. Chairman's Report

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21 No report was given at this time.

22 23 VI. Director's Update

24 25 A. Use of Central Park for Weddings

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27 Kari Paulson with Central Park Weddings and Events in Lake Mary approached the stand.
28 She gave a brief overview of her business and wants to hold a mock wedding in Central Park.
29 Items discussed included:

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31 • Using vendors in the vicinity of Lake Mary for the mock wedding would give Central
32 Park more exposure and may drum up more business for Central Park and all the
33 vendors involved.
- 34 • The mock wedding is tentatively scheduled at Central Park on Sunday, March 14th.
- 35 • Mr. Carrico will come back to the board with some new concepts and ideas.

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37 **Motion to recommend that the Park and Recreation Department continue to pursue the**
38 **possibility of a one time event with a new vendor who will open up opportunities for**
39 **weddings to occur in other than the Events Center was made by Darrel Jarvis and**
40 **seconded by Robert Sebald. Motion was carried unanimously.**

41 42 B. Cemetery

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44 Mr. Carrico gave an update on the progress of the cemetery which included:

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46 • The cemetery has been laid out by Southeastern Surveyor who used ground
47 penetrating radar.

- 1 • Plans are for the City of Lake Mary to take over 3 sections of the cemetery with
2 approval of City Commission.
3 • There is a possibility of 1 million dollars worth of potential income to be made from the
4 selling of grave sites.
5 • Hopefully Southeastern Surveying can match sites to the current existing sites.
6 • The money the columbarium makes will go back into the cemetery for improvements
7 and maintenance.
8 • Boundary survey showed a section of the cemetery which is owned by the Rail Road.
9 • Site plans were shown by Mr. Carrico on prospective cemetery lay out.
10 • Mr. Williamson asked if there was any State Grants available to provide assistance. Mr.
11 Carrico will look into that.

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13 VII. Old Business

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15 Farmer's Market is not going well. The produce vendor who used to be at the market
16 permanently opened up a store on the corner which is across from the market. He was the
17 major draw for people to come to the market. Now people can go any time during the week
18 which takes business away from the Farmers Market. The plant lady did the same thing. One
19 of the biggest complaints was not having the sign on the corner and now it is there.
20 Melissa Flippin, Special Events Coordinator, is trying to do special events on the weekends to
21 try to bring more customers in.

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23 VIII. New Business

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25 There was no old business at this time.

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27 IX. Member Reports and Announcements

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29 There were no reports or announcements to report.

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31 X. Adjournment

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33 **Motion to adjourn was made by Lynette Swinski and seconded by Darrell Jarvis. Motion**
34 **was carried unanimously.**

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36 There being no further business, Danny Williamson adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

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40 Danny Williamson

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40 Amber Lyons, Staff Assistant