

1 MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAKE MARY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD held
2 February 2nd, 2009, 6:00 P.M., Lake Mary City Commission Chambers, 100 North Country
3 Club Road.

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5 I. Call to Order

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7 Francie Wynalda called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Francie Wynalda, Vice Chairman

13 James Buck

14 Darrell Jarvis

15 Danny Williamson

16 Lynette Swinski

17 Robert Sebald

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19 Also in attendance were Bill Carrico, Director of Parks and Recreation; Kathy Gehr, Assistant
20 Director of Parks & Recreation; Gunnar Smith, Recreation Supervisor; and Amber Lyons, Staff
21 Assistant.

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23 III. Approval of Minutes – November 3rd, 2008

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25 **Motion was made by Danny Williamson and seconded by Robert Sebald to approve the**
26 **minutes of November 3, 2008, as written. Motion was carried unanimously.**

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28 IV. Citizen Participation

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30 No one came forward at this time.

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32 V. Chairman's Report

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34 Activity report was handed out and reviewed by board members. Bill Carrico talked about the
35 2009 City of Lake Mary Events which includes the Spring Classics, Movies in the Park and
36 Paint the Town which is sponsored by the Shaw's who are developing Lake Mary's Down
37 Town. The Trailblazers are having a 5K Run/Walk and forms are available on-line. Gunnar
38 invites us to the Saturday, February 21st, 2009 opening to Little League being held on field 3.
39 They will parade the kids around the bases.

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41 VI. Director's Update

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43 A. Fountain in Central Park

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45 Bill and Kathy will be going to look at fountains. Shaw's pulled their financial backing out and
46 now the City of Lake Mary is funding everything. The city should be building an 18 foot pool
47 with pavers within the next two weeks. The fountain will be located across from Delano's on
48 the corner. The city has approximately \$85,000 available for downtown improvements which

1 does not come out of the Park & Recreation budget. They planned on doing everything
2 including landscaping and pavers to patio and upward tree lighting. They were considering an
3 entry feature which could cost approximately \$40,000. They discussed 2 arched pillars. One
4 of the big features may possibly be an events sign. The sign on Lake Mary Boulevard is to no
5 longer be used. It is a state law signs may only be used for traffic use. We need the sign to
6 advertise for special events. In discussion with City commission they suggest having a board
7 like the schools have. The Shaw's are pushing for something like a television screen to
8 promote events. The screen would have to meet the Lake Mary sign ordinance.

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10 VI. Old Business

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12 A. Dog Park

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14 The Dog Park was the topic of discussion. The Trailblazers went above and beyond with their
15 presentation and research that went to City Commission. They loved the concept and
16 approved it and a Public Forum was called and they requested that notices be sent to people
17 in the local area. The following month it was presented to Commission and one member from
18 Spring Hurst talked against park. They were concerned about the noise, pollution, traffic that
19 would now occur in the laid back and unused park. Commission had to approve it again. City
20 Planning & Zoning Board mailed notices to people who were within 300 feet of the park. Eight
21 people from Spring Hurst came forward. Commission approved conditional use of the off
22 leash park with a few recommendations. The Trailblazers were to have a contract that stated
23 they would maintain the park at no cost to the city. It was passed on to Commission for the 3rd
24 time. Seven people from Springhurst countered that. Commission brought back discussion
25 amongst each other and decided to do a temporary park and that idea was passed. The city
26 was going to rent a fence to try out at Commission's recommendation. They may contact
27 Siemens for a possible location and they really don't like the idea of having it at Liberty Park.
28 Unfortunately, the Trailblazers hands are tied because there is no way to raise money for a
29 temporary Dog Park. The Trailblazers have taken a back seat as there is nothing more they
30 can do. The Trailblazers will still be active with the city.

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32 VIII. New Business

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34 A. Crystal Lake Preserve

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36 Bill gave a brief description of the following topic:

- 37 • Crystal Lake Preserve which is located behind Timacuan was deeded over to the City of
38 Lake Mary about nine years ago. It is a beautiful piece of land with some of the largest
39 live oaks, it's on the lake and a nesting ground for many species.
- 40 • The city was supposed to put up a chain link fence which the residents did not want on
41 their land. They plan on having a meeting with a board consisting of the city staff,
42 Leidigh & members from Timacuan to resolve issue.
- 43 • The city want to turn it back over to the Leidigh's who donated this land to the city so
44 nobody could build on it and it would be a preserve. He bought the land for \$600,000
45 and donated it to the city and now they are saying the city didn't do what they were
46 supposed to.
- 47 • Timacuan residents don't want us to turn it back over to the Leidigh's. The City of Lake
48 Mary does want to return it to the Leidighs.

1 IX. Member Reports and Announcements

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- 3 • Gunnar Smith gave a short brief on the Events Center from the first year being open.
4 They have had 500 contracts signed took into about \$220,000 in income and numbers
5 are to incline. The Events Center is doing really great and has been a huge success.
6 We are getting the carpets and windows cleaned due to some wear & tear. We are
7 doing a good job of taking care of the building. We do not have our first available
8 Saturday until 2010. The caterers give us 10% of their sales and have also been doing
9 a great job.
 - 10 • Holiday in the Park was great this year. The school let us put out fliers and overall it
11 was great job.

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13 X. Adjournment

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15 **Motion to adjourn was made by Danny Williamson and seconded by Lynette Swinski.**
16 **Motion was carried unanimously.**

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18 There being no further business, Vice Chairman Francie Wynalda adjourned the meeting at
19 6:36 p.m.

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Richard Schulz, Chairman

Amber Lyons, Staff Assistant