

**MINUTES OF THE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING DESTIN CITY HALL BOARDROOM
JUNE 25, 2019 - 4:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairwoman Hebert called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 in the Destin City Hall Boardroom.

2. ROLL CALL:

Members Present

Teresa Hebert
Myra Williams
Matthew Sweetser
Dot Jones

Absent

Nikki Johnson
Karen Parrish
Mark Nacol

Staff Present

Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk
Lisa Firth, Interim Recreation Rec. Director

3. MINUTES: April 23, 2019

Motion by Committee member Williams, seconded by Committee member Sweetser the members voted 4-0 to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2019 meeting as written.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

• **60% Norriego Point Park Plans**

Committee member Williams asked what the status is for the Norriego Park and why it has not been forwarded to Council.

According to Mrs. Firth the holdup is with FDEP and not staff. Staff met with Mr. Barron, discussed the recommended changes he still needs to verify if the funds are available for the cost of the necessary materials. Adding that at this time, is scheduled to present the plans to Council at the August 5th meeting.

• **Welcome to Destin Billboard**

Chairwoman Hebert asked if there is any new information on the status of the approval for the improvements to the Welcome to Destin Billboard.

According to Mrs. Firth, she just received an email from the EAFB contact and was informed that everything is moving forward, and she does not anticipate any issues at the next level.

There was concern expressed for the funding from the TDC for the up lighting and how it was it was understood that if the TDC did not receive the approval by August 1st, they may would not be able to provide their part of the funding for this project. Mrs. Firth stated that the lighting may not get approved and it could be added later; if necessary. She also added that she needs to meet with Alan French to fine out all the details of the funding before she can go any further with this to ensure that this is completely funded by all involved.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

• **4th of July Bike Parade – July 2nd, 5:30 p.m. Morgan's Sports Center**

Mrs. Firth informed the members she is bringing back the bike parade for kids 14 and under. She asked the members if they would be willing to volunteer to judge the bike decorations contest to show up at the Morgan's Sports Center around registration time; which begins at 4:45 p.m.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS:

- **Chairman Hebert** – Asked why the floating structure, Water World is still anchored at Crab Island if they have lost their license to operate and feels it should have to be removed. Mrs. Firth stated she would find out what she can and provide an update at their next meeting.
- **Committee member Sweetser** – Spoke of continuously seeing two different water taxi picking people up from and bring people in to Norriego Point beach on the East Pass side and how the website for their business informs the public to park at Norriego Parking lot to be taxied to Crab Island. Mrs. Firth informed the members that staff is aware of this but currently, there is not anything in the Code against this type of activity and the city cannot tow cars either.
- **Committee member Jones** Spoke of how she feels the two Kell-Aire Parks are a waste of resources for the city regarding the upkeep and feels the land should be returned to the HOA for Kell-Aire Gardens. She asked for another copy of the deed. According to Mrs. Firth the park is used a lot by neighborhood kids and she just recently witnessed kids playing ball in the park. She also spoke of how it clearly details in the deed the wishes of the benefactor of the land is for it to stay in a natural state and she would provide them with another copy of the deed at their next meeting.
- **Committee member Williams** – Spoke of how the medians on Airport Road are full of weeds and asked why they are not being maintained properly. Mrs. Firth explained that this concern has been addressed with the median maintenance contractor and they should be going out this week to clean and dress them up.

❖ **Mrs. Firth provided the members with the following updates:**

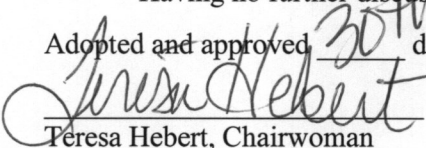
- **Capt. Royal Melvin Heritage Park** – The funding for the park is still with the County and safety fence on the upper deck has been removed from the plans. The suggestion for adding nautical ropes instead was discussed.
- **Clement Taylor Park Seawall Repair** –The city is still waiting on the funds to come from FEMA before the repair work can be done.
- **Parking Lot on Sibert Avenue** – The lot has been cleared of weeds; the building was demolished but she would have to look into when the rubble will be removed.
- **Captain Leonard Destin Park** – The city does not anticipate this park to be finished until sometime in 2020.
- **Morgan's Sports Center Children's Park Module**– This will be going out for bid soon.
- **Pickle Ball Courts** – Waiting on the specs for this project.

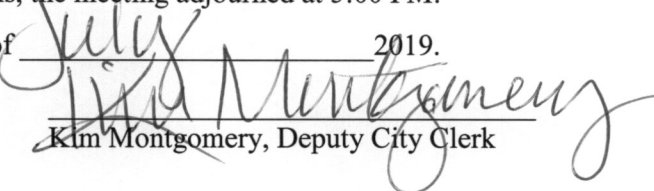
- **4th of July Fireworks** – Scheduled for 9:00 p.m. and the rain date is the following night at 8:30 p.m.
- ❖ The next meeting **July 30, 2019** - Mrs. Firth pointed out that July has an extra week and if they would they like to meet later or not have a meeting in July. The decision was agreed upon by all members to push the July meeting back to the following Tuesday, July 30th at 4:00 p.m. for staffing availability.

ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Adopted and approved, 30th day of July, 2019.


Teresa Hebert, Chairwoman


Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk