

MINUTES

Recreation Committee

Monday, April 10, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Key Colony Inn Banquet Room, 700 W. Ocean Drive, Key Colony Beach, Florida
& virtually via Zoom Conferencing

1. **CALL TO ORDER and ROLLCALL:** The Recreation Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Ted Fischer at 10:00 am followed by Rollcall. **Present:** Ted Fischer, Barbara Tatarchuk, Tom Alferes, Richard Pflueger, 1st Alternate Cindy Catto. **Absent:** 2nd Alternate Judy Burgett. **Also Present:** City Clerk Silvia Gransee, Administrative Assistant Tamara Anderson.
2. **INTRODUCTION of GUESTS:** Denise Hoffman and Mike Yunker were introduced as guests.
3. **MINUTES:** Chair Fischer asked for comments on the minutes. There were none. The meeting minutes from March 3rd, 2023, were approved by motion.

MOTION: Motion made by Barbara Tatarchuk to approve the meeting minutes from March 3, 2023. Tom Alferes seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Ted Fischer – yes. Barbara Tatarchuk – yes. Tom Alferes – yes. Richard Pflueger – yes. Cindy Catto – abstained.

4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE**

Chair Fischer asked for Agenda Item 4 “Citizen Comments & Correspondence” to be moved under Item 7 “Board Member Items Discussion/Approval”.

MOTION: Motion made by Richard Pflueger to move Agenda Item 4 to Agenda Item 7. Cindy Catto seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

5. **CHAIR UPDATE**

a. **Review Commission Report and motions for:**

1. **Trial Temporary Play Period on 7th St. Courts through April 16:** Chair Fischer gave his thoughts on the trial period with additional input from guest Denise Hoffman.
2. **Authorization of \$15,000 to engage a landscape architect to develop site options for either new Tennis or Pickleball facilities:** Chair Fischer updated on the progress including City Administrator Turner moving forward with obtaining a survey of the available area.
3. **Discussion of next steps in developing a KCB Pickleball Club which would run the pickleball courts during peak hours during Nov-April:** Chair Fischer reported on the agenda item. Barbara Tatarchuk gave her thoughts and the tennis groups view on a possible new location of the tennis court. Ted Fischer suggested Mike Yunker as a possible member to facilitate the project.

b. Consideration of acceptance as the President of the KCBCA.

i. Possible resignation from Recreation Committee: Chair Fischer informed the Committee of his possible resignation.

c. Concerns on momentum as a result of motions made at the last Commissioner's meeting: Chair Fischer expressed concerns about stepping down and finding a new leader.

d. Discussion on concerns on liabilities under the FL Sunshine Act on Committee members: Chair Fischer reported on the agenda item and gave his concerns on Committee members having no indemnification. Ted Fischer further reported on Frank Tremblay having stepped down due to that reason and asked the Committee for their thoughts on the topic. The Committee discussed liability, the importance of insurance, and the possibility of additional members stepping down. Chair Fischer gave further thoughts on the effectiveness of the Committee.

e. Possibility of projects presented by private citizens to the Recreation Committee or Commission e.g., siting a new Pickleball or Tennis facility or forming a KCB Pickleball Club: Chair Fischer spoke on the question of necessity of having a Recreation Committee and suggested alternative ways to present projects to the Commission. Discussion by the Committee followed on the Recreation budget as well as the suggestion of adjournment of the Committee until liability coverage for the Committee was provided. City Clerk Gransee advised on the rules of Sunshine Law outside public meetings. Conversation continued on the possibility of being added to the insurance and liabilities of other Committees. Chair Fischer gave further thoughts on the effectiveness of the Committee. Discussion followed on Sunshine Laws. Chair Fischer asked for a motion to recommend to sunset the Recreation Committee. The Committee discussed what the motion should entail and personal insurance. Chair Fischer asked for a motion. Further discussion followed on adjourning the meeting versus resolving the Recreation Committee. Chair Fischer expressed his support of dissolving the Committee. Richard Pflueger agreed. Discussion continued on possible ramifications to future projects and future involvement with the City as well as point of contacts for the City. Cindy Catto expressed caution on the possibility of dissolving the Committee. The Committee continued discussion on lack of indemnification versus the dysfunctionality of the Committee as reasons to dissolve the Committee. Tom Alferes expressed support of the Committee if indemnification was provided. Chair Fischer expressed further thoughts on the subject. City Clerk Gransee advised the Committee to make a motion on the subject. Further discussion followed on continuance of the meeting, verbiage of the motion, and how to move forward. City Clerk Gransee encouraged Chair Fischer to ask for a motion.

MOTION: Motion made by Barbara Tatarchuk to move Discussion Items 6 d & e to the end of the agenda. Cindy Catto seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

f. Discussion on attracting new Recreation Committee members: Chair Fischer recommended suspending the discussion item. The Committee agreed.

6. City Administrator Update

a. Budget update – Spending to-date: Chair Fischer updated on expenditures and monies left in the budget. The Committee had no questions. Ted Fischer answered questions on the golf budget and portable nets.

7. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

- a. *Discussion/Approval of recommendation for appointment of vacant Recreation Committee Seat*
 - i. Cynthia Catto
 - ii. Judy Burgett

Ted Fischer introduced the discussion item and asked for a motion.

MOTION: *Motion made by Barbara Tatarchuk to approve Cindy Catto as a regular Committee member and Judy Burgett as 1st Alternate to the Recreation Committee. Tom Alferes seconded the motion.*

DISCUSSION: *None.*

ON THE MOTION: *Rollcall vote. Barbara Tatarchuk – yes. Tom Alferes – yes. Richard Pflueger – yes. Cindy Catto – abstain. Ted Fischer – yes.*

- b. ***Discussion/Approval of Bocce Ball Purchase – 4 replacement sets requested:*** *Ted Fischer introduced the discussion item and asked for a motion to approve the Bocce Ball purchase.*

MOTION: *Motion made by Cindy Catto to approve the purchase of the 4 replacement sets for Bocce for the total of \$304.00. Ted Fischer seconded the motion.*

DISCUSSION: *The Committee discussed what the recommendation for purchase was. City Clerk Gransee recommended an amendment to the motion to allow for price variations.*

AMENDED MOTION: *Cindy Catto amended her motion to allow a purchase up to \$400.00. Ted Fischer seconded the amendment.*

FURTHER DISCUSSION: *A brief discussion followed on approval of purchases and Sunshine Law.*

ON THE MOTION: *Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.*

- c. ***Discussion/Approval of a bench purchase honoring Sally Flagg with Tennis group donations – Barbara Tatarchuk***

Barbara Tatarchuk spoke on the agenda item and available options on acquiring a new bench. Discussion followed on proper procedures on how to contact the City Administrator. Cindy Catto questioned the discussion of benches being part of the Recreation Committee agenda. Discussion by the Committee followed. Ted Fischer stated to contact the City Administrator on the topic. Discussion continued on how to go forward. Ted Fischer advised the Committee to input on items on draft agendas. City Clerk Gransee explained the draft agenda process.

- d. ***Discussion/Approval of contacting Sunset Park bench owners for bench move to Tennis courts:*** *see under c.*

- e. ***Discussion/Approval of New Tennis Net for West Tennis Court:*** *To be discussed at next meeting.*

- f. ***Update on Sale of Pickleball net:*** *Ted Fischer updated on the sale of the net.*

- g. ***Pickleball Fundraising Tournament Updated:*** *Ted Fischer updated on the fundraising event and having raised \$7,105.00 in proceeds. Ted Fischer reported on the court sponsors, registration fees, and private pickleball player donations, and gave further input on who participated in the tournament. Ted Fischer stated that plaques were ordered for the donors and thanked Guest Attendee Mike Yunker for his wonderful job.*

- h. **Fencing Contract/Start Date:** City Clerk Gransee reported that the permit application process has begun and confirmed that the Recreation Committee will be involved in the process. A brief discussion followed on fencing alternatives. City Clerk Gransee confirmed to follow-up on the topic.*
- i. **Pickleball/Tennis Parking:** Ted Fischer reported no new information on the topic. City Clerk Gransee recommended to follow up with an email to the City Administrator.*
- j. **Bocce/Horseshoes/Shuffleboard:** None.*
- k. **Tennis:** Barbara Tatarchuk inquired on the removal of old signage by the tennis courts. City Clerk Gransee stated to inform the City Administrator to direct Public Works to remove the old sign. A brief discussion followed on zip ties for the windscreens by the tennis courts; no follow-up was required. City Clerk Gransee confirmed to be following up with McCourt on the resurfacing of the tennis courts.*
- l. **Golf:** Cindy Catto spoke on the agenda item and reported that the Fishing & Boating Club purchased new push carts for the golf course.*

***5 d & e. Tabled Agenda Item: Questions on Liability & Sunsetting the Recreation Committee:** Ted Fischer re-introduced the tabled agenda item and asked for Guest Attendee's input. Denise Huffman gave her thoughts on why to dissolve the Recreation Committee. Mike Yunker, 799 W Ocean Drive, gave his thoughts on the Advisory Board, and gave past recollections on experiences with prior municipalities and former processes, and advised on the topic.*

***MOTION:** Motion made by Cindy Catto for a recommendation for Pickleball to set up a club. City Clerk Gransee asked for a second. There was no second.*

***ON THE MOTION:** The motion failed.*

Richard Pflueger gave his views on a Pickleball Club and gave further thoughts on the effectiveness of the Committee.

***MOTION:** Motion made by Richard Pflueger to recommend to the City Commission to sunset the Recreation Committee. Barbara Tatarchuk seconded the motion.*

***DISCUSSION:** Richard Pflueger confirmed the intent of his motion to be permanent and gave further thoughts about why the Committee is not needed. Cindy Catto gave her thoughts on the topic and the impact of Pickleball on the Recreation Committee. Ted Fischer gave additional input in support of the dissolution. Discussion continued.*

***ON THE MOTION:** Rollcall vote. Barbara Tatarchuk – yes. Tom Alferes – no. Richard Pflueger – yes. Cindy Catto – no. Ted Fischer – yes. The motion passed 3 (three) to 2 (two).*

Ted Fischer asked on the question of indemnification.

***MOTION:** Motion made by Cindy Catto to make a recommendation to the City Commission to indemnify all Committee Members of the City of Key Colony Beach. Ted Fischer seconded the motion.*

***DISCUSSION:** City Clerk Gransee recommended an amendment to include Board members in the motion.*

AMENDMENT: Cindy Catto amended her motion to make a recommendation to the City Commission to indemnify all Committee and Board Members of the City of Key Colony Beach. Ted Fischer seconded the amendment.

FURTHER DISCUSSION: None.

ON THE MOTION: Rollcall vote. Unanimous approval.

Tom Alferes asked for a note to the Commissioners to relay the main concern being the issue of Sunshine Law. City Clerk Gransee recommended drafting a letter of recommendation by the Committee to the City Commission. Ted Fischer confirmed to provide a summary for the Commission. City Clerk Gransee confirmed the recommendation by the Committee will be included on the upcoming City Commission meeting.

8. **NEXT MEETING:** The Committee discussed when to hold the next Recreation Committee meeting, if not dissolved, and decided on a tentative meeting date of Thursday, April 27th, 10:00 am.
9. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned 11:53 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Silvia Gransee
City Clerk

ADOPTED: April 10, 2023
Silvia Gransee
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