

**Minutes**  
**City of Key Colony Beach**  
**Recreation Committee Meeting**  
**December 3, 2018 @ 10:30 A.M. - Marble Hall**

**Call to Order, Roll Call:**

The meeting of the Recreation Committee was called to order at 10:35 A.M. Present were: Tom Alfares, Mike Alexander, and Ted Fischer, Anita Alfares, Sally Flagg and by conference call Bill Fox. Also present: Golf Course Manager Daryl Rice, City Administrator Chris Moonis, and Assistant City Clerk Becky Todd.

**Call for Nominations:**

Chris Moonis interjected that currently the language in the ordinances reads that each member of the recreation committee must be a resident and that he will propose an amendment for the ordinance to read “preferably a resident” as the utility board has done. This can be addressed in January.

**Motion** – Moved by Mike Alexander, seconded by Tom Alfares to appoint Ted Fischer to position of Chairperson.

**On the Motion:** Unanimous approval.

**Motion** – Moved by Anita Alfares, seconded by Mike Alexander to appoint Sally Flagg to position of Vice-Chairperson.

**On the Motion:** Unanimous approval.

**Motion** – Moved by Sally Flagg, seconded by Anita Alfares to appoint Mike Alexander to position of Secretary.

**On the Motion:** Unanimous approval.

Chairperson Ted Fischer stated that the membership roles need to be addressed as the city currently has listed 2 members and 4 alternates when the ordinance reads that the committee shall consist of 5 members and up to 2 alternates. It was determined that Bill Fox will serve as the alternate committee member. There was discussion on appointing someone to the committee as a second alternate committee member. All members considered Richard or Jan Pflueger to be good options and agreed to vote now to appoint one of them and contact them after the meeting as they were not in attendance.

**Motion** – Moved by Sally Flagg, seconded by Anita Alfares to appoint Richard or Jan Pflueger as an alternate committee member.

**On the Motion:** Unanimous approval.

Note: Chairperson Ted Fisher contacted the Pfluegers after the meeting and notified Assistant City Clerk Becky Todd that Richard Pflueger agreed to be the alternate committee member.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

**Motion:** Moved by Mike Alexander and seconded by Tom Alfares to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2018 and March 14, 2018 meetings.

**Roll Call Vote:** Unanimously approved.

## Golf Course

Golf Course Manager Daryl Rice reported that the golf course has barely been producing revenue. The Key West Golf Course's numbers are way down as well. Sombrero Country Club golf course has taken an estimated 20-25% of the members away even though the course is in very poor shape because their prices are so low. Salt levels across the KCB golf course property have devastated the landscape. The current membership is at 32 which is approximately \$10,000 in gross revenue. Golf has been declining throughout North America. Mike Alexander inquired about having special events. Daryl Rice stated that Sombrero had a tournament and had only 34 people enter as opposed to 150 in previous years. When he plans an event he has to have commitment from a number of people and he has not gotten the response needed on the sign-up sheets he's put out. Daryl Rice has had conversations with City Administrator Moonis and has guaranteed that he is not going to abandon the golf course – he has committed to stay through the end of season and will make a decision in June whether or not he will continue with the golf course. He will give notice of 90 days if he decides to resign. Daryl did not take a pay check last year and hasn't taken a pay check this year. Mike Alexander suggested that we get creative with fun fund raising events. Daryl Rice reported that the irrigation on the course is functional again but still needs some renovations. Although the golf course is in need of many repairs he realizes that it is not feasible to invest huge amounts of money into the course but that we need to do what's possible in the way of upkeep. Several greens need to be replaced and landscaping around the clubhouse needs replaced. They are currently in the process of over seeding the greens. The ladies league starts December 5<sup>th</sup> with 22 members which is down from approximately 35 a few years ago. He believes that partially it is attributed to people moving but mostly it's due to the baby boomer generation retiring from golf. The dockside group that used to consist of 28-29 members and play 18 holes every Thursday is now down to 2 members. The 2 groups of ladies from Big Pine Key, approximately 20-25 in number, that used to play regularly haven't returned after Hurricane Irma nor has the Sunshine Key group. In response to committed member suggestions Daryl Rice admitted that he has not renewed with the Visitor Center, which is expensive, nor his membership with the Chamber of Commerce. Chris Moonis interjected that he could represent the City of Key Colony Beach which is a member or also the Community Association. Mike Alexander inquired as to what the revenues were in previous years and what it takes to sustain the golf course. Daryl Rice responded that it's fallen off from \$125,000 and had been falling steadily although the biggest reduction was after Hurricane Irma. There were 98 members prior to the storm which essentially paid the lease and some of the workings of the course. The biggest expenditure is club house, with the second being the lease to the City. The minimum club house cost is \$300 daily to run the club house and have someone on the grounds. He explained that approximately the lease costs \$100 per day, the club house costs \$100+ per day and general upkeep such as fertilizer, seeding, and equipment costs \$100 per day. Chris Moonis stated that the City and Daryl negotiated to forego the lease and that was up in October and they have been negotiating on what to do between then and the end of the season which is what Daryl has committed to. Daryl Rice expects by June to have a decision to stay at the golf course and enter into a lease with the City or that he wishes to terminate the agreement in which case he would give 90 day notice so that the City has time to put it out to bid. Tom Alferes said he will suggest at the Fishing & Boating Club meeting that they organize an event. Daryl Rice recapped the state of the course stating that although the city has helped in cleanup and repairs it is still in disarray as the hammocks are a mess and there are tree stumps and holes everywhere. He has to take time from doing those repairs to maintain the greens and irrigation and keep the course mowed. The club house needs to be painted and the water damaged cabinets removed. Mike Alexander asked if the recreation committee needs to be involved since Daryl is already in negotiations with the city. Chris Moonis strongly recommended that they do so and that the city commission would appreciate any recommendations from the recreation committee. He also stated that the city is embarking on a review of their comprehensive plan and having a consulting firm look at the future of Key Colony Beach which would include the future of the golf course property. This is expected to be complete in six months which will be timely with Daryl's decision on his future at the course. The committee resolved to bring revenue generating ideas for the golf course to the next recreation meeting.

## **Pickle ball**

Ted Fisher reported on the pickle ball court project. The resurfacing of the courts would happen the next week they are hopeful that all the courts should be completed by January 1<sup>st</sup>. Chris Moonis reported on the proposed parking plan for the area. Anita Alfares suggested temporary parking be allowed in front of trailers be considered. Chris Moonis informed the committee that the city will stripe the parking spaces.

## **Basketball**

Mike Alexander stated that the backboards on the courts need repair. He also proposed a discussion on whether to remove pickle ball nets from the courts or campaign to allow for continued pickle ball play on the 7<sup>th</sup> St. courts between 10:00 and 3:00 for beginners. Chris Moonis interjected that it was clearly agreed that once the courts on 8<sup>th</sup> Street were fully functional that there would be no more play on 7<sup>th</sup> Street and that the courts would be reverted back to strictly basketball and that is what was presented to the commission but the committee can re-lobby the commission if they choose. Mike Alexander stated that the basketball courts are in poor condition but doesn't see it feasible to re-condition the courts at this time considering the cost and minimal use of the courts.

## **Tennis**

Sally Flagg stated that they need 2 courts for 3 months on Monday, Wednesday & Friday between 8:45 – 10:30 starting January 1<sup>st</sup>. Ted Fischer stated that new nets need to be budgeted for the tennis courts this year and the committee concurred. After some discussion it was agreed upon to put the screening back up at the tennis courts if they are in good condition or replace with new screening if not.

## **Bocce Ball**

Bill Fox reported he and Dave Burnett did a lot of work to restore the bocce ball courts. He plans to put down some different dirt and the shells he's been holding onto when he returns in January. From the budget he is only requesting \$200 for salt. However, if there are any benches available he would like to have some by the bocce ball courts. Because he is out of town he has not gotten a look at the horse shoes and shuffle board equipment but hopes that all of it is still in the equipment box. Mike Alexander said he would like to have dock boxes for equipment at the pickleball and tennis courts as well.

**City Parks** - The committee agreed that all of the parks look very good especially Sunset Park. There is going to be an RFP going out for the bathroom at Sunset Park. The bathroom can be locked at night to avoid unauthorized evening use.

### **A. Scheduled Activities**

1. Crafty Ladies – Having weekly meets
2. Exercise Class – Continues to have strong attendance
3. Book Club – No report regarding the book club but Chris Moonis would like the committee to consider rebuilding the library to pre-Irma condition providing new cabinetry for donated books. Chris Moonis stated he has someone in mind that he will speak with to see if she is willing to spearhead the project.

### **B. Any Other Business: Budget Requests for next fiscal year**

1. The 2017-2018 amended budget is \$734.06. The recreation committee did not submit a budget for fiscal year 2018-2019 so the City Clerk set it at \$850 which is over \$100 more than the previous year amended budget. Chris Moonis explained that the committee should submit their 2019-2020 budget request to the City Clerk by July of this year.

Next Meeting: To be determined

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Todd  
Assistant City Clerk