

# MINUTES

## **Recreation Committee**

Thursday, April 27, 2023 – 10:06 a.m.

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL:** The Key Colony Beach Recreation Committee Meeting was called to order at 10:06 am by Chair Ted Fischer followed by Rollcall. **Present:** Chair Ted Fischer, Vice-Chair Barbara Tatarchuk (virtual), Richard Pflueger, Tom Alferes. **Absent:** Cindy Catto, 1<sup>st</sup>. Alternate Judy Burgett. **Also present:** City Clerk Silvia Gransee, Administrative Assistant Tammie Anderson.

Public Attendance: 7

2. **AGENDA ADDITIONS, CHANGES, OR DELETIONS** None.
3. **INTRODUCTION of GUESTS:** The guests introduced themselves to the Committee.
4. **MINUTES:** The April 10, 2023, Recreation Committee meeting minutes were approved by motion.

**MOTION:** Motion made by Richard Pflueger to approve the minutes. Tom Alferes seconded the motion.

**DISCUSSION:** Richard Pflueger informed of a scrivener's error on page 3 (gulf vs. golf).

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

5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:** Freddie Foster, 171 11<sup>th</sup> Street, thanked the Committee for their time and effort on serving on the Volunteer Committee.

### 6. CHAIR UPDATE

- a. **Outcome of Commission Meeting:** Ted Fischer informed on the outcome of the Commission meeting including information received from City Attorney Smits on liability and Vice-Mayor Ramsay-Vickrey on restructuring alternatives, and the decision of the Commission. Discussion followed on a possible charter amendment, and liability coverage for committee members.

City Clerk Gransee explained her understanding of insurance coverage in cases of Sunshine violations. Ted Fischer continued talking on the topic of Sunshine Laws and liability.

Guest attendee Carmen Slusher spoke to the Committee and gave his views on dissolving the Committee. Ted Fischer informed of only being a recommending Committee with no decision making. Carmen Slusher gave further suggestions on how to go forward. Ted Fischer and Carmen Slusher continued talking on the topic. City Clerk Gransee informed that the directive was given to staff for restructuring alternatives to be presented at the next Commission meeting. Discussion continued.

- b. **Going forward:** Ted Fischer advised on how to go forward including organization of individual sports group.
- c. **Update on survey for new pickleball/tennis courts:** Ted Fischer spoke on the agenda item. City Clerk Gransee informed on City Administrator Turner being sick and an update was provided at the last

*Commission meeting. Ted Fischer continued talking on the location of tennis courts, timelines, and participation and communication with City Administrator Tuner. Barbara Tatarchuk gave concerns on preferences for pickleball courts over tennis courts. Ted Fischer informed of the exchangeability for the use of courts and concerns received on additional pickleball courts. Ted Fischer further stated his understanding for the purpose of the survey, with Barbara Tatarchuk giving additional suggestions on how to go forward. Barbara Tatarchuk commented on her report on considerations and fact finding for tennis courts. Ted Fischer spoke on finding a solution for the selection of additional tennis or pickleball courts.*

*Craig Green, 751 12<sup>th</sup> Street, spoke to the Committee on the survey and what areas are being focused on and his view on a solution.*

*Barbara Tatarchuk gave further thoughts on the number of courts needed and possible problems with locations. Discussion continued. Ted Fischer advised to wait for the study and how to go forward. Tom Alferes talked on the possible use of the basketball court for a tennis court. Ted Fischer gave his thoughts to the idea.*

## **7. Budget Update**

- a. Budget update:** *City Clerk Gransee updated on the April expenditures. Ted Fischer informed of available monies through fundraisers.*
- b. Budget Requests for next fiscal year from Tennis, Bocce, Golf, and Pickleball:** *Ted Fischer informed on the received budget request from Cindy Catto. City Clerk Gransee updated on the bench and net purchase for the tennis court, and the bocce ball purchase. Ted Fischer asked for additional needs for golf. Richard Pflueger commented on the Fishing and Boating Club having provided new push carts. Frank Tremblay reported on budget requests for bocce ball including wood repairs for one of the courts. Frank Tremblay informed on broken recreational equipment during early Spring which was replaced by Public Works Department Head Mike Guarino and thanked the city for the bocce ball purchase. Richard Pflueger commented on the benefits of a friends group to which Ted Fischer agreed.*

## **8. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL**

- a. Update on Bocce Ball Purchase:** *See under 7b.*
- b. Update on additional bench purchase for the tennis court:** *See under 7b.*
- c. Update on net purchase for tennis court:** *See under 7b.*

*City Clerk Gransee reminded of the upcoming resurfacing of the tennis courts and subsequent closure for two weeks after. Barbara Tatarchuk anticipated no problems with the closure and thanked the city for the purchase.*

- d. Update on Fencing Contract/Start Date:** *Richard Pflueger informed on the anticipated work start day of May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup> and meeting with the contractor. The Committee discussed options on fence openings. City Clerk Gransee confirmed no violation in Sunshine Law with meeting with the contractor.*
- e. Pickleball/Tennis Parking:** *Ted Fischer reported on the AED failing and being in communications with the manufacturer. City Clerk Gransee stated to inform Public Works Department Head Mike Guarino*

of the failure. Ted Fischer continued informing on budget requests for the next year and the budget approval process for the city.

**f. Bocce/Horseshoes/Shuffleboard:** See under 7b.

Guest attendee Craig Green suggested the purchase of an electric leaf blower for the tennis court. Ted Fischer informed on budget reserves for the resurfacing of the courts and possible uses of remainder monies from the fundraising proceeds.

Guest attendee Carmen Slusher commented on the expenditure for the tennis court resurfacing and questioned the value of the project. Ted Fischer explained why the project is moving forward. Richard Pflueger commented on the delay in agreeing to the resurfacing and receiving a work date. Barbara Tatarчук informed on positive experiences with a prior resurfacing contractor. Carmen Slusher asked on Sunshine Law affecting his ability to communicate with Committee members. Ted Fischer explained that individuals have no restrictions on talking to individual committee members.

**g. Tennis**

**h. Golf**

**9. NEXT MEETING:** Next meeting will be tentatively held in October 2023.

Carmen Slusher, 12<sup>th</sup> Street, spoke on the survey for the potential courts and questions on how to move forward. City Clerk Gransee stated to contact her for any updates and suggested on holding a workshop. Discussion continued on how to move forward.

City Clerk Gransee confirmed with Barbara Tatarчук to follow up on the questions of remote voting.

Monika Green, 12<sup>th</sup> Street, spoke on the planning stages of the formation of a pickleball club.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 11:21 am.

Respectfully submitted,

*Silvia Gransee*

City Clerk

**ADOPTED: August 14, 2023**

**Silvia Gransee**

**City Clerk**