



**MEETING MINUTES
SESSION OF THE COMMISSION WORKSHOP
CITY OF KISSIMMEE
CITY HALL, COMMISSION CHAMBERS
101 CHURCH STREET, KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA 34741-5054
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022 AT 2:00 PM**

- 1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER Members Present:** Mayor Olga Gonzalez, Commissioners Olga Castano, Felix Ortiz, Carlos Alvarez, III, Jim Fisher
Staff Present: City Manager Mike Steigerwald, City Attorney Olga Sanchez de Fuentes, Deputy City Manager Desiree Matthews, Assistant City Manager Austin Blake
Members Absent: Commissioner Felix Ortiz, City Clerk Linda Hansell

Mayor Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

2.A Presentation on Updates to the Parks and Recreation Department

City Manager Steigerwald addressed the Commission and reviewed the topics that would be discussed as outlined in the agenda item.

Steve Lackey, Parks & Recreation Director, introduced himself and various members of the Parks & Recreation Department to include their roles and how they support the operations. He then reviewed and discussed a PowerPoint Presentation attached to the agenda. The Commission engaged with staff to better understand operations dealing with events, grant funding, the future of venues, and the development of Lancaster Ranch Park. As part of the presentation, Director Lackey discussed the following:

Events

- Upcoming events, procedures, and policies about activities are occurring this year and into the future at Lakefront Park.
- Collaboration for more activities in downtown Kissimmee in partnership with Kissimmee Main Street.

Commissioner Fisher asked if a radio in a rented pavilion is considered a prohibited item/activity. Director Lackey explained it's not prohibited, but there are maximum volumes and limits outlined within the rental pavilion agreement.

Commissioner Alvarez sought clarification on noise levels for major events that impact downtown residents. Director Lackey clarified that the City has a policy that restricts how long and how late amplified sound can occur to be respectful to downtown residents. Commissioner Alvarez also recommended that staff consider repositioning the stage, so the sound travels away from Lakefront Park and over the water.

City Manager Steigerwald added that in addition to the major events, additional events such as "Movie in the Park" and Fishing Tournaments and other smaller events still take place during the year.

Director Lackey reiterated that staff works throughout the year on many other types of events and activities beyond the major signature events. Director Lackey presented the calendar for the upcoming events at Lakefront Park.

Commissioner Fisher questioned how particular groups like motorcycle clubs could be restricted. Director Lackey responded, our intention is not to keep them out, but we have a process that is currently being updated that will address different types of events and groups.

Grants

- Mark E. Durbin Hockey Rink
- Fortune Road Athletic Complex Batting Cages
- Quail Hollow Community Garden
- Oak Street Community Center Pavilion & Playground

Civic Center Future Utilization

- Study and cost estimates are in progress for potential conversion of arena & ballrooms to convention space.
- Continue to utilize arena for wide range of events, recreational programming, and community use.
- Positioned to convert to convention space to attract downtown hotelier.

Berlinsky Community House Project Update

- Working with Public Works to begin the process of designing a new building on existing footprint.
- Cost estimate: \$4.5 million with \$3.2 million currently budgeted.
- A \$500,000 grant was submitted to assist with the funding of this project.

Lancaster Ranch Park Project

- Phase 1A – The project will be a Construction Manager at Risk.
- Green Meadows Petting Farm will be located on the property with 8-acres opening planned for Spring of 2023.
- Lancaster Loop is part of the Shingle Creek Regional Trail and is being funded separately from Lancaster Ranch using funds from the Shingle Creek project. The Bike Trail is slated to be completed the end of 2022.
- Phase 1B – Lackey Parcel (50-acres) will come back to the Commission for

Florida Communities Trust (FCT) Grant.

Commissioner Alvarez asked about the status of cameras along the trail segments. Assistant City Manager Blake provided an update that the City has engaged a new vendor to help build a prototype with data backhaul that works for our needs. Assistant City Manager Blake clarified the first segment that has been prioritized focuses on an area between Dyer Boulevard and Thacker Ave. Commissioner Alvarez would like to see the safety of our citizens as a priority.

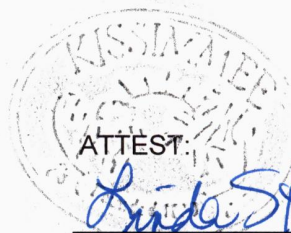
The Commission and Director Lackey continued to discussion items relating to the Lancaster Ranch Field House and other facilities slated for the future. Additional questions were asked on restroom maintenance and hours of operations relating to the restrooms being accessible to the public.

Commissioner Alvarez asked if boat slips are being used to the best of our abilities. Steve Lackey stated all boat slips are at capacity. Commissioner Alvarez recommended looking at modifying how slip rentals work so that people can use them for short-term rentals like weeks or months instead of an entire year.

City Manager Steigerwald told the commission about an upcoming ribbon cutting in partnership with the Early Learning Coalition (ELC) to reveal a learning trail at the Mark E. Durbin Community Park. He will forward an invitation for them to attend on June 21, 2022.

Director Lackey advised the Commission that if any non-profit or church groups approach them to volunteer or help, please notify him and he would be able to connect them with Manager Rod Bargaineer. Parks & Recreation has several shovel ready projects that volunteers can help complete.

3. **ADJOURNMENT** There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mayor Gonzalez adjourned the meeting at 3:20 PM.



ATTEST:

Linda Stansell

CITY CLERK

Olga Gonzalez
MAYOR-COMMISSIONER