

Recreation and Open Space Committee

Minutes, meeting of November 16, 2017

Attended by: Elinor Mount-Simmons, Tasia Jones, Robin Vroegop, Diane Brewer

Absent: Torben Madson, Alisa Hendels, Mark Milliken

I. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Chair Elinor at 6 pm. This meeting was held at Holy Family Center with prior consent from City Hall and notice to the public of change of venue.

II. Minutes of the October 19 meeting were approved and will be forward to Lee Mathes, City Administrator.

III. a. Old Business – the report and photos of Battery Park/Hendels Field were reviewed and discussed. It was agreed that though this excellent draft done by Alisa Hendels and Diane Brewer is excellent a few more things need to be clarified and included. The price per slip is thought to be \$65 which includes water and power, too low in some members' opinions. There are several boats slips that appear to be derelict and in poor condition. Elinor volunteered to contact the City and/or Harbormaster, Bobby Varnes, Chief of Police, about how the boat slips are numbered and rentals are handled. Elinor will also more closely examine the signage on Hendels Field located on its refreshment stand. Thus, the Committee will not finish this park until the next meeting before going on to the next one in order of priority as previously agreed.

b. New Business – the next park to be reviewed will be determined at the January meeting with assignments for Committee members specified.

IV. Uniformity – regarding closing hours, some park signage say "11 pm" (Lafayette Park) where others say "sunset". Diane suggested that they all be the same for ease of administration and security. Robin disagreed stating two good points that hours have more to do with usage and lighting.

V. Reporting to the City Commission – Elinor is to ask to be on the agenda of the December City Commission meeting to give a report on the activities of our Committee. It was agreed that reporting should be done at least quarterly unless some item or urgency requires it sooner.

VI. Announcements –

VII. Adjournment –