RECREATION COMMITTEE Minutes, meeting of August 10, 2017, 6 pm Community Center

Attendees:

Elinor Mount-Simmons

Tasia Jones
Torben Madsen
Alisa Hendels
Mark Milliken
Diane Brewer
Robin Vroegop

Motion to approve Minutes of the July 20 meeting as corrected was made by Torben, seconded by Robin passed unanimously and will be sent to Lee Mathes, City Administrator.

Copies of the pamphlet by the Florida Commission on Ethics: <u>Guide to the Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees</u>, 2017, were given to each committee member.

Elinor began a discussion of whether the 1989 version of the LDC section on Recreation is the most recent. Robin reported that there were updates in 1994, and a 2013 version which included rezoning and an overlay. She will provide the internet site where all can see and use the most recent version for our update. She also researched and found memoranda of agreements between the School Board and County regarding sharing facilities. As an example is a County agreement with the City called an "interlocal agreement" about a ball park and supporting 4 new tennis courts. Another document includes definitions of terms such as "active and passive" sites, and "marinas" which she will also share. The Committee agreed to review sites and documents Robin is to send to update our list of the City's recreational facilities.

Robin shared several maps including one which displays "coastal hazard area" in which no grant money is available due to potential for flooding at these locations.

There was a discussion of whether to continue to use the excel worksheet Diane created and sent. All agreed to continue to use it, as revised, to include location of sites, services provided, sections as to whether City, County, State, and privately owned, etc.

The Apalach Times article on a new "pocket park" project of Main Street was discussed. The property is on Commerce Street on the 3 vacant lots between Avenues E and F donated to the City by Allen Jones. A public meeting for generation of ideas for this park will take place on Tuesday, September 5 at 5 pm at the Bay Avenue Community Center. It was agreed that Recreation Committee members should attend. Torben is on the Main Street Board and will provide us with information on this project.

It was also suggested Committee members attend and participate in the City's budget meetings to understand revenues and costs of the City's recreation facilities.

Elinor encouraged all to "do their homework" on the LDC revision and documents and the worksheet. The next meeting will be Thursday, September 21 at 6 pm at which a driving tour of the City's recreational sites will take place.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.