

Mr. Slezak reported that the two (2) fulltime lifeguard positions were approved. They have some lifeguard equipment included in this year's budget and next year's budget includes a lifeguard tower for Humiston Beach. It will be a much-improved building with a main office area.

## **B) 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Parade**

Mr. Slezak announced that the 57<sup>th</sup> annual Halloween parade will be on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Mrs. Patty Howard, Assistant Recreation Director, reported that the parade starts at 10:00 a.m. with a lineup at 9:30 a.m. at the Women's Club. The parade route will be along 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the Community Center where they will have the costume contest. She said that anyone who is interested in being a judge to please contact her.

Mr. Eric Toomsoo, 1351 White Heron Lane, commented that Mr. Caviness and his business are stewards of the beaches. They pick up trash along with the lifeguards and try to keep the beaches nice. The Vero Beach Lifeguard Association (VBLA) is still working with Donadio and Associates and Coastal Construction Consultants to move forward with building a lifeguard tower and office at Humiston Beach.

Mr. Yemm asked if they will have room to store an ATV in the new building. Mr. Toomsoo said right now they do not have plans of having an ATV there, but they will have a storage area for paddleboards, rescue boards, kayaks, and other equipment.

Mr. Slezak announced that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Humiston playground will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 17 and there will also be gymnastics registration taking place this Saturday.

Mr. Yemm asked if they can do registration on line. Mrs. Howard replied not yet, but they do have the credit card payment processing system in place.

## **7. CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS**

### **A) Recap of Meeting with Marine Commission on Power Plant Land**

Mr. Yemm reported that he attended the Marine Commission meeting in August and gave an overview of what the Recreation Commission discovered and in particular what the Marine Commission could get from the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND). They discovered that the grant money can only be used for marine related development or improvements and the Power Plant land has to be used for recreation. He stated that he will be attending the Marine Commission meeting on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and Mr. Paul Dritenbas will be there to discuss with the Marine Commission what opportunities they have with the FIND grant. He stated that in the OUC contract there were stipulations that they wanted to keep control of that land for a certain amount of time.

Mr. O'Connor stated that language was in the original contract, but they anticipate that clause to be removed from the contract because OUC does not have any intent or projected use for the

land. The City Charter specifies that the Power Plant land has to be used for recreation, so if they propose a restaurant it would have to be a secondary use to a recreational activity.

Mr. Yemm announced that there will be a Public Workshop, which is a joint meeting with the Recreation Commission and the Marine Commission on October 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Mr. O'Connor stated that the first step would be to vacate the Power Plant property, which they are in the process of doing. By the date of the public workshop they hope that the Florida Reliability Coordinating Council will have ruled as to when they can take the Power Plant Units off line. They plan to take the Plant off line whether or not the contract is signed with OUC. They have done the Transmission Study and they now know what needs to be done.

Mr. O'Connor continued explaining the steps and the timeframe involved with decommissioning the Plant, the signing of the documents, and making the land available.

## **8. MEMBER'S MATTERS**

Mrs. Dinunno commented that the dog park has been in existence for a while. She asked didn't they have a one (1) year timeframe for paving the parking area.

Mr. O'Connor replied that City Council gave them an extension until March 2016.

Ms. Jones commented that schools across the Country have started a Walk to School Program. This month Vero Beach Elementary School had celebrities walk with them and she wanted to thank Mr. Toomsoo and six (6) other lifeguards for volunteering their time to walk with the students. She also shared her sympathy for the loss of Mrs. Jackie Stanley. She was the wife of their past Chairman and Recreation Commission member, Dr. Daniel Stanley. She was a big advocate for special needs recreation.

Mr. Holtan stated that he hopes the Marine Commission will be at the October 30 workshop, because with public comment it is nice to have two (2) concepts to be considered.

Ms. Jones shared that she recognized some great teamwork this past weekend at Jaycee Beach. She explained that Mr. Jeff Matthews, Leisure Square and Facility Manager, was standing in for a lifeguard that was out that weekend. She thought that was real teamwork she would like to thank him.

Mr. Slezak reported that Mrs. Schepers mentioned to him that she is having a difficult time meeting on some Tuesday afternoons and wanted to know if the Commission would consider changing the day of the Recreation Commission meetings.

### **A) Next Meeting Date – November 10, 2015**

The next Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

Today's meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

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