

**Recreation Advisory Board**  
**May 9, 2018**  
**5:30pm**

**Minutes**

Members Present: Herman Little, Dr. Sterritt, Buck Jolly, Eddie Spencer, and Debbie Malenfant.  
Also present: Dexter Harris, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Members Absent: Phillip Hornthal and Johnny Walton.

Eddie Spencer welcomed and called the meeting to order.

Buck Jolly led the board in prayer.

April 2018 minutes were then approved.

Comments from the public:

Several patrons from the Newland area spoke to the board regarding the lack of parks in the northern area of town. They voiced a need for walking trails, parks, pavilions, etc for the seniors and for the children in the northern section of the county.

Commenters:

- Willie Hoskins
- Edmond Hoskins
- Jerry Jones
- Gilbertine Griffin
- Mark A. Brown Sr.
- Montrose Hinton
- Tim Aydlett

Commissioner Joe Winslow spoke briefly regarding the subject. The Recreation Advisory Board requested that the group identify properties in the area that could be possible sites for a park area. The board also asked the public commenters to prepare information that could be presented to the County Commissioners and the City Councilmembers.

**Old Business**

Mr. Harris gave the board an update on the Charles Creek boardwalk project that included a timeline for the plantings and the signage.

**New Business**

Dexter Harris updated the board on the project of erecting a bust of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr at the boardwalk site at Charles Creek. Recreation staff had received a quote of \$15,000 for that project. Staff is currently researching other, less costly alternatives.

Mr. Harris advised the board that the planning for this year's July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration is underway. Permits have been filed and the City's special events application has been submitted. Staff is excited for this year's event.

Debbie Malenfant made motion to adjourn and Mr. Spencer seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm inside the Senior Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Williams, Administrative Assistant on behalf of Dexter Harris

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