

ADOPTED

MARION OAKS MSTU ADVISORY BOARD FOR RECREATION SERVICES AND FACILITIES Tuesday, November 8, 2016

ROLL CALL:

Board Members

Alice Mitchell-Chairperson
Carole LaMotte – Vice Chairperson
Angelica Carlozzi
Douglas Kerr
Kathleen Martin

Marion County Marion Oaks MSTU Representatives – All Present

Marion Oaks Facility Supervisor: David Pierce
Marion Oaks Recreation Coordinator: Kari Coates
MSTU Dept. Project Coordinator: Angel Stowe
Staff Assistant III: Marlene Maldonado

General Public: See Sign In-Sheet

Chairperson Alice Mitchell called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.
Chairperson Alice Mitchell requested everyone rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

VOTE ON ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Chairperson Alice Mitchell presented the October 11, 2016 minutes for adoption. A motion was made by Carole LaMotte to accept the minutes and seconded by Kathleen Martin. Approved by all. Minutes were approved as recorded.

KARI COATES REPORTED:

For the new fiscal year month of October we have already signed up 165 members. For the Bootastic event of October 21, 2016 - 134 families signed in at the event. The Band "What the Funk" donated their services. There were 36 Trick or Treat Stations sponsored by the various community organizations and businesses. We were very happy with the event and had a great turnout from the community. Our next big event is scheduled for December 3, 2016. We have 60 plus vendors signed up for the Annual Holiday Extravaganza. Santa will be making an appearance and we will be offering games, craft stations for the kids, a live auction, music and more. We would like to ask that all Board Members please man the MSTU Booth for 1 hour between the hours of 9am and 1pm. We have already started more outdoor adult programs and are planning on adding more. Martial Arts classes started this past week with Master Instructor Sylvester Edwards. We are very impressed with the commitment Mr. Edwards has demonstrated to the Marion Oaks Community, and believe great things will come from this partnership. We are also working on a partnership with Florida Health Marion County for a Community Garden, a Mobile Farmers Market, and additional health classes. We are expecting activities for the year 2017 to really evolve.

Chairwoman, Alice Mitchell questioned if Mr. Sylvester is donating his time, to which Kari Coates reported he is offering the first 2 classes free. Monthly, it figures out to be about \$8 per class which is pretty much in line with taking a Zumba class or Boot Camp. Right now he has three students that have signed up.

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DAVID PIERCE REPORTED:

Part-Time Staff Assistant I, Ina Binstock has decided to retire effective 11/11/16, Friday. Ina has been employed here for approximately 9 years. We wish her well with whatever she decides to do. The position is currently being advertised and we will be interviewing in 2 weeks.

STAFF UPDATE: Marion Oaks resident Christine Nelson has been selected to fill our vacant full-time Recreation Leader II Position. Christine brings with her a lot of recreation experience and enthusiasm. She was previously employed at the YMCA up North for about six years. We're just awaiting a start date from the H.R. Department.

MAINTENANCE: The light pole at the Basket Ball Court that was hit and knocked down by a car was replaced by Mid-State Electric on October 27, 2016, at a cost of \$3,250.00. Total expense was covered by Marion County Risk Department (Self-Insurance) Fund.

The "Recreation and Fitness Center" Subtitle that the Advisory Board approved to be added to the Annex Building will be mounted on Thursday, 11/10/16 by the Butler Sign Company in Belleview. The cost of the lettering is \$630.00.

Back in June, the Advisory Board approved new carpeting for the Sheriff's Department. Williams Floor Company will be doing the project at a cost of \$4,773.00. The Contractor and Sheriff's Department will work out a schedule that works for all.

INCIDENTS: We have had several incidents on our Grounds over the last few weeks. Incidents include fights at the Basketball Courts, Staff being harassed and threatened by some youth, large groups of youth blocking and disrupting persons entering The Recreation and Fitness Center, and frequent disruption of scheduled events in Building "B" such as youth running in and out of the building, and gathering in hallways and restrooms. The Sheriff's Department was contacted resulting in four trespass warnings. Friday, three arrests were made with one person suspected to be involved with the Dollar General robberies. Sunday Night, two arrests were made, of which one person was wearing a clown mask carrying a gun that was involved in a robbery on the other side of town. Some of our day time staff have been shifted to the evening to provide more of a presence until things calm down. If things don't calm down we propose to hire a special duty Deputy that will be committed exclusively to this area for once a month for three hours at \$45 an hour. We will speak with staff to see what the busiest nights are and where there is the most activity and for \$135 a month, we believe it is money well spent to have a deputy there to complement the staff that is out there.

Chairwoman Alice Mitchell suggested to David Pierce that we hire the deputy for more than once a month. David Pierce hopes things will calm down naturally just by having more staff on at night. Since things have slowed down with grounds maintenance now, there is more flexibility to slide one or two of the day staff at night. Once we're fully staffed we should have 2 – 3 staff on every night. If the situation doesn't improve, we'll start with a deputy once or twice a month. Carole LaMotte inquired as to what we expected to achieve by having a deputy just 3 hours a month, to which David Pierce responded by stating that it was more about having a police presence. Discussion ensued. David Pierce reported that he would hire the deputy for a Friday night for 3 hours. Discussion ensued about Staff not feeling comfortable here at night. David Pierce has directed staff to stay in the building and watch through the cameras until we are fully staffed. He is hoping that when we add a deputy to the situation, whatever activity is going on will go somewhere else. If you look at the last eight of his nine reports it's been fairly calm. Douglas Kerr inquired about the homeless situation and Dave replied that things have calmed down with the homeless. Discussion ensued about the homeless here in Marion Oaks and how we can

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get resources to them. David Pierce stressed to the Board that if it hadn't been for the cameras which they had approved, the person caught for robbery would not have been caught. We got one of the Dollar General robbers off the street because of the cameras. If at the December meeting the situation hasn't changed then he will request authorization from the Board to hire the deputy. Alice Mitchell suggested that the Board give Dave that authorization at this meeting, so that if he needs to contract a deputy immediately he can. Motion was made by Angelica Carlozzi to approve to hire a deputy if the necessity arises and seconded by Carole LaMotte, approved by all.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Angel Stowe reported that her crew has been in Units 4 and 5 working on prepping for the overlay that will be happening soon. They've been trimming back edges, killing weeds, and milling driveways. Next week paving is starting. She doesn't have a firm date yet. Discussion ensued. Angel wanted to let the public know that there are 2 separate crews in Marion Oaks – AWC/Office of the County Engineer, and Pave Right is her crew.

Board Member Angelica Carlozzi asked if there was anything planned to promote the new signage on the Annex Building. Kari Coates advised that she has spoken with Donna/Marion Oaks Mirror and it will be in our monthly article. We're also looking at signage somewhere near the entrance of Marion Oaks. That would be a future agenda item, requiring approval by The Board. Angelica Carlozzi stated that this would be a good opportunity to advertise and bring a little more awareness to our facility.

OLD BUSINESS: Select Concrete Stain

Douglas Kerr, last month suggested Sandstone. The Women's Club was out there, also Rick Dennison and everyone seems to like Sandstone. Alice Mitchell asked if there were any other color choices that anyone wanted to present or discuss. There were none. Ms. Mitchell stated there were a few residents that were concerned about how slippery the concrete would be, to which David Pierce reported that an additive "Sharkskin" is being added to the mix to prevent slipping. The Motion was made by Kathleen Martin to approve the color Sandstone with the Sharkskin additive, and seconded by Angelica Carlozzi. Approved by all.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Board Member Kathleen Martin asked for clarification on what MOVE is involved with exactly, and if they are looking for code violations or are they looking for crimes. Kari Coates let her know that they look for anything suspicious or criminal and then call it in to the Sheriff's Office. They do not report any code violations. Also, when residents are on vacation they can request that their home be patrolled while they are away. They will actually pull up to your driveway and walk around the house to make sure nobody has disturbed the premises.

Alice Mitchell reported that Rick Dennison of the Deed Restrictions Office wanted to put a sign outside similar to the Library. They would pay for it. David Pierce is going to order it. It's a bigger version of the signs that we have outside the doors right now. Discussion ensued. David Pierce will get with Rick Dennison and work out the details.

Alice Mitchell asked the Board for a motion to adjourn, motion was made by Douglas Kerr and seconded by Angelica Carlozzi. Approved by all.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:59 AM.

Minutes Submitted by Marlene Maldonado