



Land Use and Parks Committee

Wednesday, May 8, 2019, 12:00 p.m.
City Hall, Council Chambers
116 First Street, Neptune Beach, FL 32266
12:00 pm

Summary/ Recap

Members In Attendance:

Councilor Josh Messinger, Chairman
Councilor Kerry Chin

Staff In Attendance:

Amanda Askew, Deputy City Manager
Richard Pike, Chief of Police
Peter Kajokas, Finance Director
Leon Smith, Public Works Director
Megan George, Deputy Public Works Director
Catherine Ponson, City Clerk

Call to Order

Chairman Josh Messinger called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Old Business

Staff update on Jarboe Park Mitigation

Deputy City Manager Amanda Askew stated that landscape plans are required in order to apply for funding. She will reach out to Buck Pittman, the landscape architect, for a timeline update in order to begin applying.

Jarboe Park Grant Update

Ms. Askew reported the City has received a multi-purpose trail grant for the east side of the ponds. There are elements that need to be installed in the park that were not in the concept plan, such as exercise equipment and kiosks as part of that grant. The engineer is making those changes to get the exact locations of the trail and equipment. The grant is for \$250,000 and the City would match with \$50,000.

Neptune Beach Tree Canopy Restoration

Chairman Messinger stated that there are opportunities for tree restoration in our neighborhoods. He requested City staff look at the Atlantic Beach Tree Canopy Policy and redline it to make it conducive to Neptune Beach. He would like this at the next Land Use and Parks Committee meeting. He also requested identifying areas that could be candidates for different types of trees.

Special Events Policy

Ms. Askew explained the proposed Special Events Policy has been updated with the recommended changes. This is for events in public places. She stated that this should be reviewed by Beaches Town Center Agency as well as the office at 200 First Street. The reviewed policy would be presented at the next committee meeting.

Councilor Chin suggested changing the wording regarding only having alcoholic beverages sold at the event.

New Business

Mural Proposal for Florida Boulevard/Mayport Road Overpass

Councilor Messinger introduced Caitlin Flynn who presented a proposal for the Atlantic Boulevard Underpass at Florida Boulevard and Mayport Road. The proposal is to paint both the east and west facing walls in a broad abstracted color field. The east facing wall will have an abstracted sunrise while the west facing wall will have an abstracted sunset.

Ms. Flynn stated that there is grant money available in Atlantic Beach, which is contingent upon FDOT approval.

Councilor Messinger stated that Atlantic Beach is receptive to the project. There would need to be a Memorandum of Understanding from the FDOT. He would like to get as much information as possible to move this forward and suggested getting an MOU for a mural. He also added that the Cultural Council requires that before applying for funding through their organization.

Councilor Chin proposed adding a lighting project as part of this so it would be illuminated.

The meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.