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## Land Use and Parks Committee Recap

12:03 p.m. Wednesday, July 24, 2019

City Hall, Council Chambers

116 First Street, Neptune Beach, FL 32266

### Meeting Summary/Recap

#### **Members In Attendance:**

Councilor Josh Messinger, Chair

#### **Council Members In Attendance:**

Mayor Elaine Brown

Councilor Kerry Chin

Also present were Marcel Dulay, Parsons Engineering  
and Buck Pittman, Pittman Landscape Architects

#### **Staff In Attendance:**

Leon Smith, Interim City Manager

Megan George, Deputy Public Works Director

Peter Kajokas, Finance Director

Richard Pike, Police Chief

Catherine Ponson, City Clerk

#### **Call to Order**

Chairman Josh Messinger called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

#### **Old Business**

##### **Jarboe Park Grant Update/Jarboe Park Update**

Megan George, Deputy Public Works Director, gave a grant update. Grant 1 is for \$200,000 with a \$50,000 match by the City, which ends September 1. This grant covers the restrooms at Neptune House, asphalt trail, kiosk and a bridge. Grant 2 begins November 2019, to be fulfilled by May 2021. It is also for \$200,000 with \$50,000 being matched by the City. This grant includes 2 bridges, a bike rack, bike repair station, signage, water fountain, benches, kiosk, Bay Street parking, 1000 feet of trail and a fitness station.

Councilor Messinger reported that Mayor Brown had been working with Councilman Rory Diamond of the Jacksonville City Council for an additional \$40,000 for playground equipment.

Discussion ensued regarding locations of the fitness station, kinds of playground equipment, bridges, lighting and irrigation and the location of the old City Hall. Buck Pittman stated he would present two different presentations showing orientations of the old City Hall, including sidewalks and accessibility.

##### **Neptune Beach Tree Canopy Restoration/ Policy Update**

Chairman Messinger introduced Chris Chin, president of the Beautification Committee. He stated that there are opportunities for tree restoration in our neighborhoods. He added that the Beautification Committee would provide valuable input and is a great resource.

Chairman Messinger explained the Tree Mitigation process with the City of Jacksonville based on the number of trees requested. Chairman Messinger stated that City staff is currently identifying locations for trees and looking at updating the City's Tree Policy.

Deputy Public Works Director Megan George stated that avoiding utilities is important but if there are areas where trees could be planted, then that could be looked at. She added that she had reviewed Atlantic Beach's policy and the types of trees they are recommending.

Chairman Messinger requested the Beautification Committee look at Atlantic Beach's policy and bring recommendations. He added that the City needs to be conscientious of the tree canopy. He also stated that there needs to be a good balance between replacing the trees and the maintaining the utility lines.

**Proposed Historical Marker in Jarboe Park**

Girl Scout Ambassador Emma Hamilton and her mother, Amy Scott, stated that for Emma's Gold Award for Girl Scouts, they are proposing a historical marker be erected in Jarboe Park where the Beaches Little Houser once stood. The Girls Scouts met there and it had a positive impact on the Community.

Ms. Scott explained that the historical marker would be the first registered marker in Neptune Beach and would need Council approval in order to finish the application to the State of Florida.

Chairman Messinger advised this item would be on the August 5, 2019, Council agenda.

**Potential Stormwater Improvements and Stormwater Rate Study**

Chairman Messinger stated that Parsons Engineering had done a stormwater study and determined where the City's infrastructure needs significant upgrades. There was \$4.5 to \$5 million of necessary improvements identified. He proposed getting a loan in order to get the work completed.

Marcel Dulay, Parsons Engineering, had done a stormwater rate study that stated what the rate would need to be to cover these costs and the rate was partially increased. Chairman Messinger requested Mr. Dulay prioritize and provide construction and build-out costs to begin discussions on how to get this started.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.