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**CITY OF DELTONA, FLORIDA  
PARKS & RECREATION  
SENIOR ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2008**

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A Regular Meeting of the Senior Advisory Sub-Committee was held on Saturday, November 8, 2008 at the Deltona Community Center, 980 Lakeshore Drive, Deltona, Florida.

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**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

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Chairperson, Eileen Gallagher called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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**2. ROLL CALL:**

Senior Sub-Committee Chairperson	Eileen Gallagher	Present
Senior Sub-Committee Vice Chairperson	Bernice Ludvick	Present
Senior Sub-Committee Member	Carl Bianchi	Present
Senior Sub-Committee Member	Zoe Clement	Present
Senior Sub-Committee Member	Bob Griffith	Excused
Senior Sub-Committee Member	Elizabeth Griffith	Excused
Senior Sub-Committee Member	Karoline Knezevich	Present
Senior Sub-Committee Member	Jean Lade	Present
Senior Sub-Committee Member	John Pierce	Present

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Also present: Mark Manning, Acting Director for Parks and Recreation and Marlene Brown, Administrative Assistant. Karl Grebosz, Facility Coordinator, was absent.

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**3. SILENT INVOCATION:**

The Chairperson asked for a moment of silent invocation.

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**4. a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion by John Pierce, seconded by Zoe Clement to accept the Minutes of October 11, 2008 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.**

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**b. ADDITIONS OR DELETION TO AGENDA:**

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**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The following announcements were made: Music in the Courtyard and the Christmas Tree Cutting at Lyonia Preserve.

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**6. CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

There were no citizens present.

1 **7. OLD BUSINESS:**  
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3 **a. Feedback on Adult Dance:**  
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5 The second Adult Dance was held on November 1, 2008. Total attendance was 114. It  
6 was another success although the attendance was less than at the previous dance. The committee  
7 members felt that was because the electronic sign had only been in place for one day. The  
8 members felt that the orchestra was quite good and they thought that Saturday was a much better  
9 day for the dance than Friday. Ms. Clement said some people had asked about having it on a  
10 Sunday. The committee also discussed selling the dance tickets in advance; they stated that  
11 parking was a problem as other park events were taking place at the same time and that the  
12 people who attended the dance did not seem to care very much about the food as there were too  
13 many sweets.  
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15 The committee asked for Karl Grebosz to give a report on the food, to keep the  
16 refreshments simple and that it be placed only during intermission and not left there throughout  
17 the evening. This had been discussed at a meeting prior to the dance. Mention was made that  
18 Mr. Grebosz had talked about a costume contest.  
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20 The committee wanted to know if Saturday, February 14, 2008, Valentine's Day, was  
21 available for another dance.  
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23 **b. Community Garden project:**  
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25 The committee wanted to know if we had gotten any volunteers from the Adult Dance.  
26 Mr. Bianchi stated that they needed to have the Parks Department handle the sprinkler system  
27 installation. Mr. Pierce said he and Mr. Bianchi had spoken to Patrice Murphy in the City about  
28 the possibility of getting the committee a grant for the garden project. Mr. Pierce said he had  
29 also called Pine Ridge High School. They do have an agricultural teacher, Ms. Johnson, and he  
30 will be contacting her to see if they could get 2 or 3 students to volunteer to help with the garden  
31 project. Mr. Bianchi said they just need to have the sprinkler installed.  
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33 **8. NEW BUSINESS:**  
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35 **a. Memorial Bench:**  
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37 Mr. Pierce and Mr. Bianchi advised that they wanted to have the bench installed at Wes  
38 Crile Park by a cluster of trees facing the ball fields. Ms. Ludvick asked if they could have the  
39 bench installed at the Community Center since they would have the community garden there.  
40 The members wanted it at Wes Crile. Ms. Clement stated that Patti Evans had agreed to name  
41 the trail after John Pierce and Carl Bianchi since they had done so much legwork on the project.  
42 Monies were collected from each member to purchase the bench. Because the Griffiths were  
43 absent from this meeting, it was decided that the bench placement would be discussed at the  
44 December meeting along with the inscription. The members also talked about visiting Wes Crile  
45 to make the final determination on the placement of the bench. It was stated that they would like  
46 the inscription to include the date. The group decided to give \$20.00 each to the bench which

1 would leave a surplus of \$10.00. It was decided to give the \$10.00 to the Youth Advisory  
2 Committee towards the purchase of their bench.

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4 **b. Senior Event:**  
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6 Ms. Knezevich thought it would be nice to pattern other cities and counties to do  
7 something for senior residents who were in nursing homes. She discussed various types of  
8 events, including a special senior day, with the nursing homes providing the transportation  
9 needed to get the residents around. This would be for residents who were in assisted living  
10 facilities, especially those who were far away from home, for example in Eustis.

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12 Ms. Gallagher asked how this committee could find out where these people are located.  
13 Ms. Lade was concerned about the liability to the City. She wanted to know if there was blanket  
14 protection on the insurance policy. She pointed out that these people were in nursing homes  
15 because they could not take care of themselves. Ms. Knezevich said they could meet in a central  
16 location at one of the City's park facilities that has a lot of shade as well as being able to  
17 facilitate the handicapped. The group discussed having these residents sign a waiver but Ms.  
18 Lade said it would mean nothing if they found the City liable. It was decided to get the City  
19 Attorney's opinion on this matter. Ms. Ludvick asked if the Parks Department would organize  
20 this event and Ms. Knezevich said they could have a special Senior Day and she would not mind  
21 heading up the event as well as working with Parks and Recreation personnel. Ms. Gallagher  
22 suggested the committee speak with the new Parks Director when he comes on board.

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24 **9. DIRECTOR COMMENTS:**  
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26 Mr. Manning explained that the department had been re-organized and that most of the  
27 Parks and Recreation crew had been moved to Public Works which might push back the garden  
28 project in terms of the sprinkler system being installed, as he did not know who would be  
29 handling that.

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31 He also told them that the rubberized trail should be completed within 10-14 days. Ms.  
32 Gallagher asked if there would be a ribbon cutting ceremony for that and Mr. Manning  
33 responded that maybe in December, but he was not sure.

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35 **10. COMMITTEE COMMENTS:**  
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37 All the members agreed that the Activity Guide was very nice. They committee thanked  
38 Mr. Manning for working with this committee and they wished him well.

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40 Mr. Pierce and Mr. Bianchi said they would go ahead and sell some more benches for  
41 future placement.

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43 Ms. Clement asked about the naming policy and asked if it was current. Mr. Manning  
44 explained that the policy did not include for living people and Ms. Clement pointed out that both  
45 John Masiarzyck and Wes Crile are alive. Mr. Manning explained that back in July the policy

1 was changed. Ms. Ludvick commented that they should let citizens know when they make  
2 changes and they should ask for the citizens' opinion.

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4 Mr. Bianchi wanted to know if the inscriptions on the bench would be carved or if a  
5 plaque would be used. The response was that inscription would be used.

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7 Ms. Gallagher advised that Olga Flores from the Parks and Recreation Board wanted to  
8 get involved with the garden project and would probably be attending some of these meetings.

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10 **12. ADJOURNMENT:**

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12 There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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14 **Motion by John Pierce, seconded by Zoe Clement to adjourn. The motion was**  
15 **unanimously approved.**

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19 Approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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24 Eileen Gallagher, Chairperson

25 ATTEST:

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28 Mark Manning  
29 Acting Director  
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