

**MINUTES
SPECIAL JOINT WORKSHOP
HOLLY HILL CITY COMMISSION
AND
PAL / RECREATION BOARD
OCTOBER 12, 2004**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor William D. Arthur called the meeting to order in Room 227 at City Hall, 1065 Ridgewood Avenue at approximately 6:10 p.m. Attending with Mayor Arthur were Commissioners Arthur Byrnes, Gilles Blais, Lou Schmitt. Commissioner Roland Via arrived at approximately 6:30 p.m.

PAL/Recreation Board Members in attendance were as follows: Tanya Hull, Sarah Rone, Charlie Sharp, and Alternate Mark Barker, Police Commander.

PAL/Recreation Board Applicant, Donald Moore was in attendance.

Also attending were the following staff members: City Manager Joe Forte, Recreation Director Chuck Beach, Community Redevelopment Coordinator Marsha Radulovich, and City Clerk Jeaneen Clauss.

2. COMMENTS / CONCERNS

Commander Barker explained that he acts as a liaison between the Recreation Department and the Police Department for any assistance they can provide. He also serves as an alternate, though he doesn't generally attend meetings.

Mr. Beach stated that this Board is in a transition period and mentioned that they have an item on tonight's regular meeting agenda for appointments of two new people and moving one of their current alternates back to a regular member position.

There was discussion of the improvements scheduled for the baseball park facilities which would be paid from Echo grant funding. This grant requires that the fee schedule be changed to a single fee structure instead of the resident / non-resident rates.

There was discussion of the six shuffleboard courts and their lack of use for many years. They decided that they want a response from the citizens on whether they should eliminate them or repair them. Staff will request this in the next issue of the Heartbeat newsletter. The benches are a current safety issue and it needs weed-whacking at minimum. If they do get a public response to repair, they may put an overhang to provide shade and draw more attention to them.

The new gym air conditioning system is going in now. This should help with the success of their summer camp program. Attendance was down somewhat last year.

A question was raised about the City providing soccer for kids. They had tried this a number of years back and had thirty kids. Fall ball generates 300 participants. They don't have the fields to really do this effectively either.

Mention was made of local school construction and renovation projects.

Mr. Beach stated that a new program being promoted by the National PAL league is the Youth Leadership Program. Grant funding is available for organizations that will provide this.

The Commission expressed their appreciation of the work this Board does for the City.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The workshop officially adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m.

Attest:

City of Holly Hill

Jeaneen P. Clauss, CMC
City Clerk

William D. Arthur
Mayor