

ADOPTED

MARION OAKS MSTU ADVISORY BOARD FOR RECREATION SERVICES AND FACILITIES

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

9:30 AM

ROLL CALL:

Board Members

Kathleen Martin - Chairperson

Alice Mitchell

Bobby Whipple

Joanne Coast – excused absence

Marion County Marion Oaks MSTU Representatives

Director - MSTU/Assessment, Chad Wicker

Marion Oaks Community Center Manager, David Pierce

Marion Oaks Facilities Trades Supervisor, Charles Aman

Buildings & Grounds Maintenance Tech III, Thomas Wilcox

Marion Oaks Recreation Specialist, Kari Coates

PT Recreation Specialist, Haleigh Morgan

General Public: See Sign In-Sheet

Chairperson Kathleen Martin called the meeting to order at 9:29 AM.

Chairperson Kathleen Martin requested everyone rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

VOTE ON ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Chairperson Kathleen Martin presented the April 09, 2024 draft of minutes for adoption. A motion was made by Kathy Martin and seconded by Bobby Whipple to accept the minutes. Approved by all.

RECREATION SPECIALIST – Kari Coates

School Supply Drive: For our School Supply Drive, we had 3,786 individual items, in addition to more that came in after we had turned in the supplies. All of the supplies have gone over to teachers and students at Marion Oaks Elementary, Sunrise Elementary, and Horizon Middle School.

Back to School Expo: Was very successful. We had 94 families that attended, 205 kids that came through and the vendors were very excited about having participated. During the event we had 12 families sign up to be foster families, we had 11 families with children with disabilities sign up for assistance. The Blood mobile had nine donors, the Library had one new member sign up and 5 renewals, and the Health Department Bus was there administering vaccines. They were busy all day and couldn't provide the exact numbers. Girl Scouts reported they had the largest turnout ever for registration. The event as a whole was very successful.

Glow Party: During this event, staff member Victor Adams was the DJ and Nikko Montanez was there helping set up and taking video. 47 children and their families were registered.

Special Activities

- **Christmas in July** – Mrs. Claus was there, along with Sassy the mini horse.
- **Mania** – We had two events for this
- **Clay Designing** – We had two classes with Ms. Kat
- **Mahjong Day**
- **Space Day**
- **Iced Tea Day**

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RECREATION SPECIALIST – Kari Coates, Cont'd:

Special Activities

- **Make Up Class**
- **Bomba Class** – Offered by staff member Nikko
- **Youth Toy Sale**
- **Fresh Flower Class**
- **Visit from our Mascot and several other activities taking place**

Community Lunches/Dinners: We had a Community Picnic in April, Mother's Day Brunch, Chicken Dinner, and a Father's Day Breakfast in June. This Thursday, 8/15/24 is our Luau Dinner and for the following months ahead we will be having an October Fest, a Spaghetti Dinner, a Pizza Party and there will be several others.

Van Trips: There were 17 van trips for adults and eight for youth, and we have another 20 planned between August and December.

Health Department: The Health Department continues to come to our location offering vaccines and WIC appointments twice a month. Career Source also comes to our location.

The Marion Oaks Community Clean Up sponsored by the Marion Oaks Civic Association and Deeds Office, with the assistance of the Marion County MSTU Solid Waste Department and Lacey and their staff, Marion Oaks MSTU General Services & their Staff – Sherri and Pete, and MSTU Community Center Staff – Chip, Nikko and myself was an outstanding group effort. Chip also had two of his boys there helping, Ashton and Anthony. There was over 37 tons of trash collected during the operation. Punky and her group deserve a round of applause for everything they've done to benefit the community.

Upcoming Events:

September 24th – Health Fair

September 28th - We are changing up our Hispanic Month and instead of a dance we will be having a Hispanic Heritage Day where vendors will be setting up and live music will be provided. Our staff member Nikko is doing a great job organizing this.

October 5th – Community Yard Sale

October 26th – Spooktacular

December 7th – Holiday Extravaganza and Light Up Marion Oaks - we will be doing both events in one day this year.

We have safe driver's courses coming and of course the usual things that we offer.

RECREATION LEADER – Haleigh Morgan

This Summer we had many different programs:

- **Summer is here Splash Pad Party that included a water slide, snow cones and music.**
- **One-week Summer Camp with seven campers**
- **Frozen Fridays, where we handed out 100's of snow cones**

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RECREATION LEADER – Haleigh Morgan, cont'd:

This Summer we had many different programs:

- **Mario Kart Video Game Tournament with 16 participants**
- **We are getting very consistent numbers with our re-occurring program, Oaks Tiny Tots and are up to 35 kids each week**
- **We had two splash pad parties and one at the playground with crafts**

Upcoming Programs:

August 27th - Women's Billiards Social will be for members only.

September 9th - Homeschool PE and STEM Class will be every Monday with Kari doing arts & crafts and Chip doing wood-working projects.

September – Every Wednesday, Parent Walking Group

September 6th - The dog park will be having a doggie and me ice cream social and it will be free to the community

October 18th - We will have a School's Out field trip to Treehoppers.

We are possibly going to do an open mike-night and community dinner with the date yet to be determined.

We have been able to get most of the staff here in Marion Oaks certified in adult and pediatric CPR and AED training and we plan to have a free educational CPR Class to the community to receive the training without the certification.

FACILITIES TRADES SUPERVISOR – Charles Aman

AC for Sheriff's Office: The AC went down about four months ago. We got a new unit, and it is up and running.

Splash Pad: Needed two new valves. They were installed by Aquaworks two or three months ago, and are working well.

Metal Doors: We will be putting new metal doors on Building A and the cost for that will be \$14,000 to \$15,000. Also, they will be replacing the one door by the pickleball courts.

Grounds Maintenance: The crew has been busy mowing and weeding the grounds at the new dog park, which has been taking up a lot of their time now.

Pressure Washing: We have already start pressure washing all the buildings and the walkways.

Basketball Courts: Goals and courts will be stripped down and repainted, the backboards and the hoops will be painted.

Storm Maintenance: A storm did come through on Monday and two trees fell, but did no major damage.

COMMUNITY CENTER MANAGER – David Pierce

Carole LaMotte, our advisory board member has decided to resign effective July 16th. Carole has been very involved in many projects here and has been very instrumental in helping getting things done. As with all Board members she has one focus and that one focus is making Marion Oaks a better place to live. On a personal note, Dave stated that Carole is one of the nicest people he's ever met and

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COMMUNITY CENTER MANAGER – David Pierce, cont'd:

he's very sad she is leaving and wishes her nothing but the best. Applause pursued from Board and audience.

Down the road Dave would like to have something for Carole to honor her. He wanted her here today because she was instrumental in the dog park as well. He wished Carole good luck and wants her to know she will be missed. Carole commented that she was not happy to leave.

BUDGET PRESENTATION TO BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

On July 9th we presented our budget to the County Commissioners. There were no flags that came up in our budget, and Dave has included a proposed budget in every board member's folder. Major projects next year include the repaving of the walking trail, and an outdoor fitness obstacle course. Also, possibly a court yard at the annex building to expand and give us table seating for outside. Some of our major purchases include buying a new tractor, and new exercise equipment. If there's anything on that proposed budget that the Board has any questions they are welcome to see Dave any time. As of right now the County Commissioners have no issues on what we decided to go forward with at our prebudget workshop.

Building A, B Roofs: We had an engineer out here Friday and it was determined that these roofs need to be replaced. It is a very extensive project and it will need to go out to bid. It will be very labor-intensive since all the tile roofs will be replaced with either an architectural shingle or a metal shingle depending on the cost. We ask that everyone be patient and if the Board could spread the word that we are going to be experiencing some interruptions down the road once the work is started. Board member Alice Mitchell asked if there was an estimate yet for the cost, to which David Pierce responded that we did not have that at this time. As soon as it goes out to bid and he gets the bids back and it has been approved by the County Commissioners he will email the board, if we are in between meetings. He let the board know that it would not be cheap.

Current Projects: Dog Park

We are having the grand opening of the Dog Park today. It has been a long time coming. Residents have already been going to the Park, and they are very excited. Dave wanted to thank the Board for their support on this project.

Pickleball Court Expansion

Our Pickleball expansion that was discussed at the last meeting ran into an issue, where the engineer determined that a site plan was needed to make sure that we had proper drainage, etc. That actually had to go out for a re-bid and it is slated to be on the Board of County Commissioners Agenda on August 20th. Once that gets approved, Dave expects that the expansion will start shortly after since according to Project Coordinator, Pete Hodges – once a contractor is notified that they have the contract, they have 30 days to finish the concrete work.

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COMMUNITY CENTER MANAGER – David Pierce, cont'd:

Tropical Storm Debbie: Everybody here is well aware of Tropical Storm Debbie. We are designated as a sand distribution center. The people in Marion Oaks have become very dependent on that fact. This is the third year in a row that we have been a designated sand distribution site, and the third year in a row that we have been the most productive as far as giving out the most sand. We distributed over 7,000 bags this past storm. And a thank you to Chad Wicker, MSTU Director for making that arrangement because the people here really depend on that.

Incidents: No major incidents.

Staffing: We have one staffing issue. As you are aware David Menzie retired a couple of months ago. There were some interviews that were conducted last Wednesday and we are just waiting on the HR Department.

Shortly after this meeting we will be heading over to the Dog Park for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

Donation to the Dog Park: David Pierce wanted the Board to know that the Civic Association graciously donated \$200 towards the Dog Park. The Civic Association does so much for the community, and work just as hard as our Board members to try to keep standards high in Marion Oaks. We truly appreciate their donation towards the Dog Park. Applause ensued.

NEXT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Kathy Martin reminded the Board that our next meeting is October 3rd, at 9:30 a.m. and asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Alice Mitchell and seconded by Kathy Martin.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Minutes Submitted by Marlene Perez Maldonado



Chairperson, Kathleen Martin



Date