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## **Adaptive Recreation**

### **Minutes\***

#### **Tuesday May 7, 2019 Meeting, Disabled Services Conference Room C**

**Members Present:** Ray Pringle, Natalie Alden, Walter Johnson, Karen Prewitt, Barbara Brown, Anida Pollo

**Disabled Services Staff Present:** Kevin McDaniel, Lois Smokes, Kara Tucker, Jimmy Smith, Adriann Keve

**Community Present:** Dawn Young

**In Attendance:** The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

The Chair Mr. Ray Pringle thanked everyone for attended.

Mr. Pringle stated that he would like to make a few changes to the rules of the meeting to bring more order. Mr. Pringle asked that those that would like to speak to raise their hand to contribute so others may comment.

Introductions were made around the room.

Kevin McDaniel provided an update on Jax Parks accessibility parks facilities. Ray Pringle provided an update on the new Kayak Launch at Hannah Park.

Ray Pringle provided more information about the opening of Hannah Park. Kevin McDaniel reported that the committee should incorporate vendors into their discussions as it appears that it is a critical to successful implementation in accessibility projects.

Kevin McDaniel provided an update on Sunny Acres and Boobie Clark. Ray Pringle stated that Sunny Acres should be included as a report in the Waterways Commission if possible.

Ray Pringle mentioned an accessibility project at Exchange Island.

Scott Schwarzrock added a public comment about the accessibility of Exchange Island, he was impressed by the accessibility of the island.



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Ray Pringle spoke with several faith-based organizations about accessibility projects and adaptive recreation. Ray Pringle stated that he discussed bleachers with the church and other needs and connected them with Disabled Services Division. Ray Pringle stated that he recently spoke with Sarah Carol, who is co-chair of a local faith-based organization that would like to improve adaptive recreation programming in Jacksonville. Mr. Pringle also stated that he was in communication with Potter's House about their recreation programming and potential partnership with the City.

Mr. Pringle suggested that the Division invite faith-based organizations to the Adaptive Recreation sub-committee meetings.

Natalie Alden brought the survey up for discussion and suggested that the flow should be changed. Natalie Alden suggested that the flow should be updated to include three parts, about the organization, what they do, and who they serve.

New format of questionnaire by question:

**Section 1** (About the Organization): 1, 4, 3, 8

**Section 2** (Logistic Information about Programming and Citizens): 5, 6, 2, 17, 18

**Section 3** (Information about Programming Needs/Capacity): 19, 20, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16

Motion was made to approve three sections, including About Organization, Logistics Information, and Needs for Additional Services.

Motion was made for 30 day return period for survey results.

Kevin McDaniel provided an update for the Division's Adaptive Recreation website. The Division has ordered JaxAdaptiveRecreation.com. The committee offered that pictures, hotlinks, and calendars be included on the website to communicate programming opportunities. Kevin McDaniel stated that Access Trails would be included on the site as well. Mr. Pringle suggested that he discussed Pumpkin Hill with the Parks Department and those types of projects should be included on the website.

Jose Morales stated that projects that are not associated with the City should be included on the website as information. Ray Pringle stated that he is asked often about accessible fishing facilities. Mr. Pringle stated that it would be very helpful to have those locations communicated online.



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Natalie Alden stated that it was important that this information is communicated as we continue to build inclusive playgrounds, we communicate our efforts to make facilities accessible for parents.

Kevin McDaniel asked the committee what types of questions should be included on the questionnaire for recreation participants.

Natalie Alden stated that it was important to be mindful of what is asked, but suggested that the City could ask questions about accessibility needs.

Ray Pringle referenced Brooks Rehabilitation's application which asked specific information about an applicant's abilities and accommodation needs.

Karen Prewitt stated that a section of the questionnaire should include a section that included a place to include name and contact information (but not required).

Recommendation:

- Are you filling this questionnaire out for yourself or for another individual? (on behalf of an adult or minor)
- Age – ask for range
- What type of recreation are you interested in? (List examples) – check all that apply
- Are you currently active and/or involved in sports and/or recreational activities?
- What types of recreation do you currently participate in?
- What types of accommodations are needed if any?
- Where in Jacksonville do you live? (include map – use language and give options based on zones)
- Where are the activities you would like to participate in located? (include map with zones and options)
- Personal Transportation: (list: public, para, fixed, personal, etc.)
- Do you use Parks in your neighborhood?
- If no, which Parks do you use?
- If you would like to be added to the list serve please include your email address:



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Disabled Services Division to send out both surveys in June for feedback in July. The survey to be open for 30 days. Natalie Alden asked that Disabled Services Division look into potentially giving out a gift card to complete the survey. Jose Morales offered that the ILRC would be open to purchasing gift cards if needed. Include information in the survey about ILRC offering to include the possibility of gift cards.

Motion was made to approve surveys as amended and open for 30 days for feedback to be reviewed in July.

Meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

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