



Recreation Meeting Minutes August 13, 2025

Don Bogardus	Chairperson	Present
Kelly Eller	Vice Chairperson	Absent
Lynn Apolinaro	Member	Present
Mark Scott	Member	Present
Cathy Cobo	Member	Present
Donna Koenig	Member	Absent (excused)
Vacant	Member	
Vacant	Alternate #1	
Vacant	Alternate #2	
Cris Franco	Council Liaison	Present

Also present was Debbie Armeno, Director of Recreation.

The Recreation Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., all stood for the flag salute, and a moment of silence.

The Recreation Chairperson asked for roll call taken by Recreation Director Debbie Armeno, we noted 1 absence and since advance notice was given donna Koenig was excused.

The Recreation Chair stated we needed to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2025 meeting since we did not have a quorum for the July 8, 2025, meeting. Mark made the motion to accept June 11, 2025, minutes, Lynn Apolinaro seconded all were in favor.

We had an inquiry from a possible new member; they were informed of the meeting but did not show.

Cris Franco gave her Council Report, she spoke on the Control Burn happening in the Spring by CO Johnson Park to get rid of our invasive species and that there will be a presentation at the next meeting. She spoke on the state of the budget and that we need really watch out budget in 2026.

Director of Recreation gave her report, she spoke on the state of the programs going on, sold out on both trips for the late Fall/Winter and went over the Fall Brochure that will go out for Byram Fest. She also told each member they needed to be fingerprinted and that she would send each the forms in the morning.

We then morphed into a larger discussion about Byram Fest- Debbie ran through what was set, the Event Schedule, and the set up. She went over the budget and discussed how

expensive things are getting to put on a nice event. Several Committee members brought up sponsorships and donations. Debbie suggested that we bring Mayor Rubenstein to our September meeting to debrief from the 2025 Byram Fest and then the Committee can discuss the 2026 Event with him and some ideas they may have for funding.

Cathy, Cris, and Lynn gave a quick recap on the August 2 movie night at CO Johnson Park, they stated 50 people came and had a great time. They admitted that they had fun running the event and could not wait for Byram Fest.

There were no announcements as Debbie covered most in her report.

Agenda Topic for the September 9 meeting was again Mayor Rubenstein to be invited.

The meeting was opened to the public- Rebecca Franco spoke on the upcoming Sign Language Classes she has offered to teach and a little of her background and what she will be teaching.

Marck Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Lynn Apolinaro- meeting was ended at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.

Deborah Armeno

Director of Recreation