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Meeting Agenda

November 6, 2019, 1:30 P.M.

Veteran's Memorial Park

7400 SW 41st Place

Gainesville, FL 32608

1. Call to Order – 1:33 pm (in attendance Irena Melvin, Tim Strauser, Bill Burger. Staff present Jaye Athy, Ivy Bell, Charlie Houder, John Morrison, Gina Peebles. Citizens present Julie Baker)
2. Approval of Agenda – CH suggested moving item 6A to the end of the agenda for sake of flow. TS moved to accept with this modification, BB 2nd
3. Introduction of new member Bill Burger
4. Approval of the Minutes from September 3, 2019 – TS moved to approve, noting October 2019 meeting was canceled, BB 2nd
5. Old Business
 - a. 2019/2020 Work plan and Accomplishments (accepted by BoCC 10/22/2019) – IM requested that the board be updated when agenda items are relevant to ROSCO.
 - b. Timeline of Squirrel Ridge and Lake Alto Upgrades—JM stated Lake Alto play area is complete; sidewalk, parking, and restrooms are in process with a timeline of 6 months or less. Boat dock will be a longer process, but still complete in FY 20. Boat dock and restrooms are paid from boating fund, the rest is WSPP. CH indicated plans are to tie the preserve entrance to the parking lot of the park. Squirrel Ridge engineering proposal has been received, but the cost is too high. Negotiations ongoing. Once resolved, then a scope of work will be presented and a purchase order issued.
6. New Business
 - a. Veteran's Park Upgrades – moved to item 10.

- b. Camp McConnell (BoCC agenda item December 12, 2019 evening) — CH updated that BoCC rejected all offers and invited groups to submit new proposals. Community input was desired, so a meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2020 in the event. ROSCO would like to tour prior to the open meeting. Regular December ROSCO meeting will be held at Camp McConnell.*

7. Other Business

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8. Next Meeting date – December 4, 2019—*Camp McConnell*

9. Public Comment

10. Veteran's Park Upgrades — *JM and CH presented a model of the proposed park upgrades. Timeline: an engineering task order has been submitted to J. Brown, then master plans (construction drawings) will be received, public meetings held, then presentation to BoCC. FY 20 has budget of \$1.1M, including \$100K from Rotary for the splash pad. ROSCO toured the park and CH noted the memorials will be moved to a central location, a multi-purpose field is proposed on the GRU leased property. The splash pad area will be veteran-themed, and is going to be flush with the surrounding area in order to be useful during "off" months for other events.*

11. Adjourn — 2:54 pm