

Vineland Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting

August 8, 2022

Call to order: Monday, August 8, 2022 at 7 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Sunshine Act Notice: Dan Peretti called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Notice of this meeting has been sent to the Office of City Clerk, The Daily Journal, The Press of Atlantic City, local Vineland channels and posted in Vineland City Hall in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act. Commissioners present are: Chairman, Dan Peretti, Hassan Hameed El, Eugene Medio, James Clay, Ruben Gomez. Also attending were: Councilman, Albert Vargas, Solicitor, Jeff Medio, Dale Elbeuf, and Brett Scarpa. Commissioners Chick Peale and Rich Scarpa were absent.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of the minutes for July's meeting was tabled due to large turnout for public comment. Motion made by Mr. Medio, seconded by Mr. Clay.

Public Comment:

Mr. Peretti made a motion to open Public Comment, seconded by Mr. Clay.

Chris Wilson expressed his concern about his suspension and locks being put on the clubhouse doors.

Lashonda Murray spoke about Chris Wilson's positive influence in the community over the years.

Tracy Wells-Huggins again expressed her concern about the community pool being closed.

Jeff Lindsey spoke about Unity Day on August 20th at Landis Park.

Levi Feeni, a resident of Barclay Apartments, said that they have a pool where he lives and they don't seem to have trouble getting lifeguards. He suggested getting in touch with them to see if they had extra lifeguards.

Mike Devito, VSA president, asked for clarification on background check form.

Quan Johnson asked questions about his previous background check results and how to appeal so he can volunteer again.

Reverend Dunkins expressed concerns about the pool being closed and spoke in a positive manner about Chris Wilson.

Jacovi Lindsey expressed concerns over the pool and locks on the VMFL building.

Makema Douglas expressed concerns about the community pool being closed.

Old Business:

The repaving project at Gittone Park should be awarded this month.

New Business:

Mr. Hassan El had questions about the condition of the pool at Sabater School.

Mr. Eugene Medio would like to have the pool issues addressed now so there are no problems opening it next year.

Mr. Clay spoke about how we have to find a way to resolve the lifeguard issues.

Mr. Al Vargas is concerned about the condition of the pool at Sabater School.

Mr. Clay believes we can do a better job of getting the lifeguard information out to the public so we don't run into this problem next year.

Mr. Jeff Medio suggested that Mr. Brett Scarpa develop a report on the outdoor pool.

Mr. Peretti motioned and Mr. Clay seconded a motion to have Brett Scarpa develop a report of the outdoor pool.

Mr. Clay expressed concern about transparency in regard to budgetary decisions. He said that he feels the Commissioners only get half of the information and sometimes don't get any information at all.

Mr. Jeff Medio stated that he agrees with Mr. Clay and that he would like to have a better idea of the state of the Recreation Department's budget and projects that are both in process and planned for the future.

Mr. Peretti made a motion to appoint Mr. Brett Scarpa for this assignment and Mr. Clay seconded.

Mr. Peretti made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Mr. Clay. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, September 7th, 2022.