



Minutes

Town Commission Workshop

Wild Spaces/Public Places (WSPP) Projects Tuesday • May 2, 2017 • 6:30 pm

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1. Call to Order: 6:30 pm
 2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance to Flag
 3. Roll Call:
Commissioners Attending:
 - Joseph Aufmuth, Mayor Pro-Tem Absent
 - Troy Blakely Present
 - Virginia Mance, Mayor Present
 - Timothy Parker Absent
 - Mike Roberts Present

 - Debbie Gonano, Town Administrator Absent with Notice
 - Patty Polk, Deputy Town Clerk Present
 4. Agenda Approval:
Motion made and seconded (Roberts/Blakely) to approve agenda as submitted; passed 3-0
 5. Wild Spaces/Public Places (WSPP) Projects
 - A) A workshop has been called to discuss possible projects for which the Town of Micanopy might apply for a matching grant in an amount of \$85,000 for Wild Spaces/Public Places funding in partnership with the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners.

Mayor Mance presented that Alachua County has 3 million dollars to spend as grant money. This is a matching grant which means that the Town has to match the funds. The Town submitted a claim to our portion of the grant money. We do not need to spend the whole \$85,000 that is available.

This grant can fund new recreation, facilities development, or maintenance of either of those but will not fund employee salaries.
- Open floor to citizen forum:
1. Jerry Morris, NE Chokolka Blvd, questioned what account the money will come from? Mayor Mance responded that it comes from the general fund. The list for this grant will be separate from our current WSPP list. Morris questioned if the Fire house playground could be added to the list. Mayor Mance agrees that the playground does need repair, and we have applied for a grant and we will know by July 2017.
 2. Recreation facilities at Ball Park could use upgrades for rest rooms, concession stand, and electrical.
 3. Monica Fowler, Store Owner, discussed the Micanopy Native American Heritage Preserve (MNAHP) and the educational kiosk that the Micanopy Trust and Battlefields group is in the process of building. Possibly developing the museum at the MNAHP.
 4. Pastor Christopher Stokes, New Beginnings Church, just purchased a 2000 sq ft building and put it on a parcel that they recently purchased. They are looking for funding to get grant monies from Dell and Dollar General. They have an architect drawing up the plan and an electrician willing to do the work. The Willie Mae Stokes Community Center is a 501(c)(3) corporation, is its own entity with its own accounting. They run a summer program at their church and had 50 children participate last summer. This year the summer camp will be handled at the community center. They would like to

be considered for the WSPP Grant monies.

5. Commissioner Roberts commented that he has heard a lot of good ideas tonight. He keeps hearing about the recreation program, and we have the opportunity to do that. He spoke with the YMCA director and they can provide the administration if we can provide the building. He would like to create a building at the ball park and the YMCA would do an after-school program and provide staff. They would offer many classes at a fee to participants. The possibilities are many and Town staff wouldn't have to provide employees.
 - A) Stanley Strobes, N Division St, discussed when they first started the recreation program and the Town Commission gave them \$5,000 to help pay for recreation. They raised money selling hotdogs and put in a lot of hours to start the recreation program for the Town.
 - B) Steve Elder, NE Hunter Ave, discussed the recreation in the past and the concession stand money helped pay the recreation director salary. The Town is going downhill since the recreation is dead.
 - C) Pastor Stokes likes all these ideas and the Community Center will accomplish their goal with or without WSPP money.
6. Paul Cohen, NW Seminary Ave, discussed habitat restoration at the MNAHP which could be like a science project and UF students could possibly help.

Mayor Mance is in favor of the recreation program and is hopeful that the Commission will want to apply for the WSPP grant. This will be discussed at the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Blakely would like to reinforce what's been said. He would like the grant to help our kids as Archer and Newberry have done. This will probably have to be on our Town property. If we can regenerate our recreation program it will help today and tomorrow.

6. Adjourn: 7:48 pm

MINUTES APPROVED:

As submitted _____ as amended _____ at Town Commission Meeting _____

Virginia Mance, Mayor

Patty Polk, Recorder