

Citizen's Advisory Committee

Minutes

September 10, 2024

6:00 p.m.

The Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present from left to right: Felton Barnes, Yvonne Shanklin, De'Carlo Garcia, and Ray Nelson.

1. Called to Order

President De'Carlo Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The attendees present recited the Pledge.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Ms. Shanklin made a motion to approve the agenda during the meeting. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion.

4. Action Items

4.1 Approval of the August 13, 2024, minutes- Mr. Nelson motioned to approve the August minutes, seconded by Mr. Barnes.

4.2 I voted; did you? - Mr. Garcia emphasizes the importance of voting during an election year in local government and the consequences of having so few community members participating in the electoral process. He is seeking ideas on how to encourage more community members to vote.

Action: The committee proposed several ideas, such as a voting mobile and reintroducing registration into the school systems.

5. Members Time

5.1 Signs in the Park-Mr. Nelson revisited the topic of park signs, which would include directions to other parks in the city. **Thoughts:** The mayor would like Mr. Estes to meet with him and the Parks Director to discuss the possibility.

6. Mayor's Minutes-

6.1 Guest Speaker Rebecca and Rick Winkler from Winkler's Wish- A non-profit organization was established after Rebecca and Rick tragically lost their son to suicide in 2016. Their mission is to assist as many veterans as possible in the local area. They conduct peer support group meetings on the first Monday of each month at Crosspoint South in the café from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

6.2 Dragon boat race- For the first time ever, the City of Crestview competed with other cities in Okaloosa County to support the Hope Squad fundraiser, which provides peer-to-peer counseling in the school system.

6.3 International Overdose Awareness Day—Normally held in Crestview, this event was hosted in Niceville. There was an excellent turnout and a great panel.

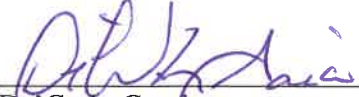
6.4 Government Week—Government Week is scheduled for October 21st to 27th. During this time, Mayor's Hotspots will feature a presentation on the city government. Mayor Whitten has noticed an increase in calls to the city for matters that are not under the city's jurisdiction. As a result, the mayor would like to hold a formal presentation to clarify the city's duties and responsibilities in comparison to other entities.

6.5 Recognition Ceremony—On Monday, October 21st, the city would like to acknowledge all our volunteers who serve on a board that makes decisions regarding the city

7. Adjournment

De'Carlo Garcia adjourns the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Minutes approve this 10th day of December 2024.


De'Carlo Garcia
President


JB Whitten
Mayor

Minutes submitted by,
Dominique Vaughn, Executive Assistant