

Present were committee members Luke Swanson, Doug Bennett, Mike Kay (via phone), Patrick Collins, Weston Putnam, and Jennifer Roberts. Also present were City Manager Byron Smith, EOTEC General Manager Al Davis, EOTEC Operations Manager Brian Rust, Councilman Doug Primmer, Councilman Roy Barron, City staff Holly Lambert and guest John Eckhardt.

Committee member Jessica Narain and Youth Advisor Hailey Gardner absent.

Patrick opened the meeting at 5:32pm.

May 4th, 2023, Minutes

Luke moved and Doug seconded to approve the May 4th, 2023, EOTEC Advisory Committee regular meeting minutes as presented. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Barns Expansion Report

Byron reported the city is working through code change issues (occupancy, restrooms, sprinklers), developing a construction timeline, obtaining pricing, and a secondary consultant.

Field Expansion Project – HEROS Report

Luke reported the hand lines will continue to water for at least two weeks and re-seeding not needed as originally planned. Additional dirt and seeds will be brought in for areas where the ground has compacted. The HEROS committee is starting phase 2 with a focus raising the funds necessary. The new fields will possibly host a championship soccer game in July and planning to host a tournament the third weekend of September.

EOTEC Operations Update Report

Al shared EOTEC's events held over the last month and work done on the grounds including fertilizing, mowing, removing puncture vine and spraying goat heads. As another avenue of revenue, the parking lot is being utilized for event space for truck driving school and motorcycle licensing classes.

Branding Update

Byron reported the city has received two branding options to send out for feedback using Survey Monkey.

Other Business

John shared positive updates to potentially having temporary power in time for this year's county fair in the RV camping area. Different pricing options are being explored.

Luke requested communication to be sent out by UCF regarding updates to the gate/ticketing system and any changes or notes regarding power.

Roy shared the city council's interest in EOTEC breaking even financially and prioritizing projects that lead to revenue.

Next Meeting- July 6th, 2023, at 5:30PM

Meeting adjourned at 6:23pm.