At the City Commission Work Session of March 13, 2018, the City Commission recommended a name change for the Recreation, Parks and Arts Advisory Board to the Recreation, Parks and Arts Advocacy Board. Language related to the terms of the Board members is also being revised so that Board Member terms are concurrent with the term of the appointing mayor or commissioner.

The name change reflects the City Commission's desire for the Board to advocate for both the community and the department in a manner that will benefit all. This Resolution was brought to the City Commission at the May 18, 2018 Regular Meeting and was postponed in order to amend the language to make it consistent with the other board resolutions.

I MOVE TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2212.

Staff Contact: Henry Schubert
Attachments: Resolution No. 2212
RESOLUTION NO. 2212

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LARGO, FLORIDA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 1903, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING THE PROCEDURES FOR APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE RECREATION, PARKS AND ARTS ADVOCACY BOARD; INCREASING THE TERM FOR MEMBERS FROM THREE YEARS TO FOUR YEARS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Largo, Florida, by Resolution No. 1903, as amended by Resolution No. 1922, established the Recreation, Parks and Arts Advocacy Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to amend the appointment process and terms of the members of the Recreation, Parks and Arts Advocacy Advisory Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LARGO:

SECTION 1. Legislative Policy 1, as it relates to the Recreation, Parks and Arts Advocacy Advisory Board, as amended by Resolution Nos. 1903 and 1922, is hereby amended to read as follows:

RECREATION, PARKS AND ARTS ADVOCACY ADVISORY BOARD

Establishment and Terms of Office:

1. The Recreation, Parks and Arts Advocacy Advisory Board shall be comprised of seven (7) residents of the City of Largo to be appointed by the mayor and city commission. One student member of the Recreation, Parks and Arts Teen Council may also be appointed to the Board as a voting member designated by the Recreation, Parks and Arts Director. Existing terms of members of the Recreation, Parks and Arts Advisory Board as of the date of passage and adoption of this Resolution shall continue in force. Thereafter, the mayor and each commissioner shall each appoint one (1) resident to serve as a member of the Board with initial terms as follows:

1. Upon the expiration of the terms of the three (3) current board members whose terms expire in November 2016, Commissioner Seat #5 and Commissioner Seat #4 shall each appoint one (1) member to the Board for a term to expire in November 2016, when the current term of the commissioner who appointed the member expires.

2. Upon the expiration of the terms of the two (2) current board members whose terms expire in November 2016, Commissioner Seat #5 and Commissioner Seat #6 shall each appoint one (1) member to the Board for a term to expire in November 2016, when the current term of the commissioner who appointed the member expires.

3. Upon the expiration of the terms of the two (2) current board members whose terms expire in November 2017, Commissioner Seat #1 and Commissioner Seat #2 shall each appoint one (1) member to the Board for a term to expire in November 2018, when the current term of the commissioner who appointed the member expires.

After the expiration of the initial terms stated above, the mayor and each commissioner shall each appoint one (1) member for a term of four (4) years to run concurrently with the term of office of the mayor or commissioner who appointed the member. In the event of vacancy for whatever cause, a replacement shall be appointed by the mayor or commissioner who appointed the predecessor member to the vacant position, and who shall serve under the same terms and
conditions as the predecessor member for the remainder of the predecessor's term. In addition to the seven (7) voting Board members and one student member, there shall be a non-voting staff liaison to act as consultant, coordinator, and recording secretary designated by the Recreation, Parks and Arts Director. The staff liaison shall be responsible for providing the Board with all information and documents necessary to perform its duties.

The Board shall select a Chair and Vice-Chair annually and shall establish rules of procedure as the Board may deem appropriate to carry out its purpose and responsibilities. A quorum of four (4) voting members shall be sufficient to conduct business. Board members absent without prior notice for more than three (3) consecutive meetings or for a majority of the meetings in a single appointment year shall be considered automatically removed and subject to replacement as previously provided.

The time, place and frequency of meetings shall be determined by the Board, provided that all meetings take place after 5:00 pm and in a City facility. All members and all meetings of the Board shall comply with the Florida Sunshine/Public Records Law. Copies of meeting agendas and minutes shall be provided to the City Commission and made available to other City Advisory Boards. Communication with other Advisory Boards is encouraged to facilitate a broader perspective when making recommendations to the City Commission on matters of City-wide concern.

Responsibilities and Duties:

The Board shall advocate on behalf of the Recreation, Parks and Arts Department and the community regarding services, policies and facilities.

The Board shall advise and make recommendations to the City Commission on the following issues:

a) Guidelines concerning all matters of policy pertaining to the management and use of the City recreation, parks, and cultural facilities.

b) Guidelines for the provision, conduct, and supervision of public parks, golf course, athletic fields, recreation centers, Performing Arts Cultural-Center, and other recreation areas and facilities owned or controlled by the City.

c) New recreational or cultural activities that will meet the leisure and education needs of the public.

d) Any beautification or maintenance programs that will enhance the open space, roadways, and park land for the community.

e) Direction for future planning of community leisure areas and park needs in accordance with the City's strategic plan.

f) The annual Recreation, Parks and Arts Department budget and Capital Improvement Program.

g) Attend recreation and arts functions periodically to better understand the services provides and need of the community.

h) Undertake special projects and studies as the City Commission may direct.
SECTION 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _______ DAY OF ____________________, 2018.

ATTEST:

CITY OF LARGO, FLORIDA

Mayor

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

City Attorney