



# City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes Veterans Park Ad Hoc Committee

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Wednesday, February 23, 2022

10:00 AM

City Hall Room 244

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### 1. Call to Order

Chair Felicita called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

### 2. Roll Call

**Present** 5 - Chair Felicita, Vice Chair Schumann, Board Member Bailey, Board Member English and Board Member Wilson

**Absent** 2 - Board Member Burriss and Board Member Carroll

### Also Present

Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Tricia Wisner and Recording Secretary Amanda Baker

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board.

### 4. Public Comment

Jim Scheidel: park name options.

### 5. New Business

#### 22-2300 Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Selection of Top Three Names to Bring to Commission for New Veteran's Park.

Chair Felicita announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding words elected to leave out of the name, encompassing all military, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board's selections, Commission discussion, and Defenders of Democracy's placement on the final list.

***There was consensus to place Defenders of Democracy Park on the final name list.***

***There was consensus to place Circle of Honor at City Green on the final name list.***

Discussion continued regarding taking the community survey results into consideration.

***There was consensus to place Armed Forces Park on the final name list.***

[22-2301](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Development of a Detailed Design for Commission to Include Photos of Park Elements.

Chair Felicita announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding adding more information to the design plan including center details, possible water features, details from other military parks, landscaping features, minimum 50% tree canopy, southwest corner of the property being mainly palmetto trees, drafting a design sketch of ideal male and female military statues, placing the Oath on a pedestal between the statues, lighting and restroom options, possible funding for sensory features, bringing key element ideas to the next meeting, researching the total cost of the sensory features at the Garden of Five Senses, and examples of sensory features.

***There was consensus to add sensory features to the conceptual park design.***

[22-2302](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Collection of Ideas for Potential Statues.

Chair Felicita announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding reviewing design sketches and composition of the statues at the next meeting.

[22-2303](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Developing a List of Potential Additions to the Draft Design Concept.

Chair Felicita announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding examples of ornamental and aesthetically pleasing additions to include in the landscape, ensuring community safety within the park, possible vandalism and vagrancy concerns, and placing the Oath on the statue platform at the entrance of the park.

[22-2305](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Park Being Dog-Friendly

Chair Felicita announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding pets being allowed to the park.

***There was consensus to deny all pets, with the exception of service animals, in the park.***

## 6. Future Agenda Items

Future agenda items include signage stating no animals allowed, continuing discussion for ornamental and aesthetic elements of the park, and a conceptual design sketch of the male and female combat statues.

Discussion took place regarding a walking trail and the results of the completed environmental survey.

## 7. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

## 8. Adjournment

Chair Felicita adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Skip Felicita, Chair

These minutes were approved on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.